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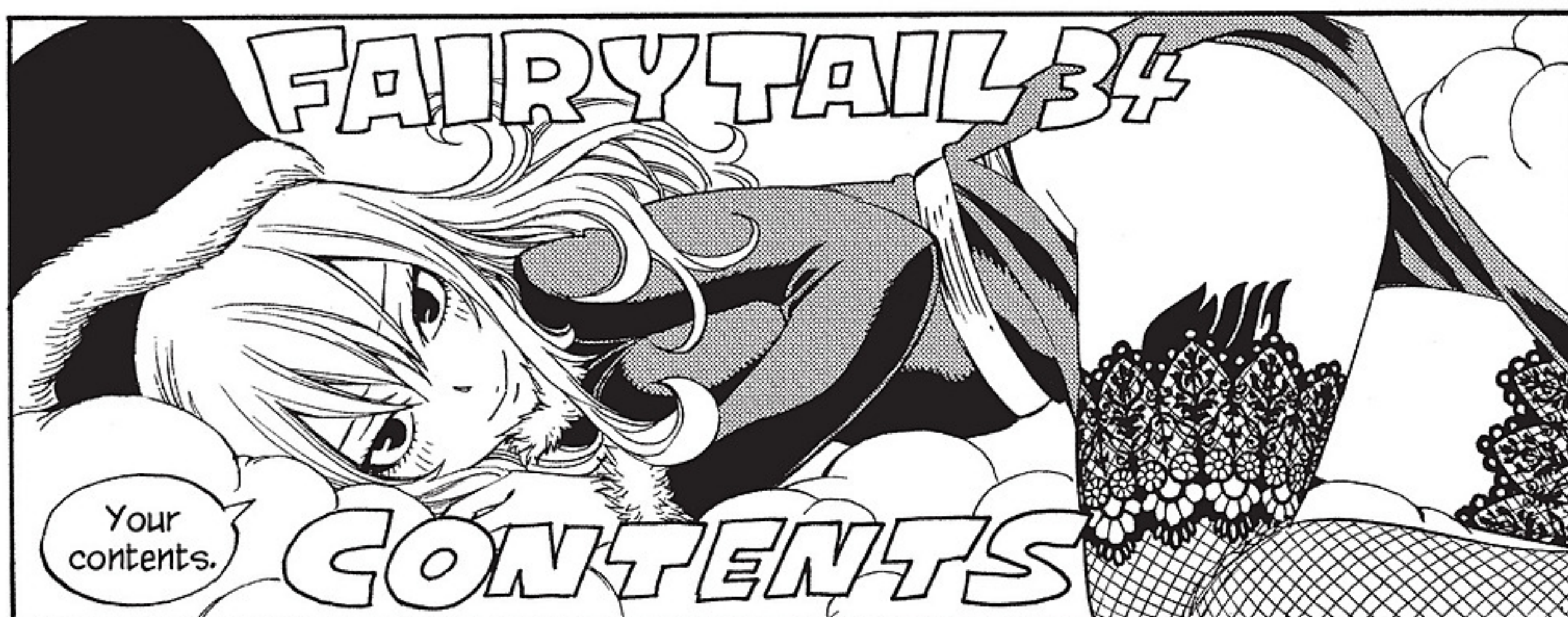
Hiro Mashima
Creator of Rave Master

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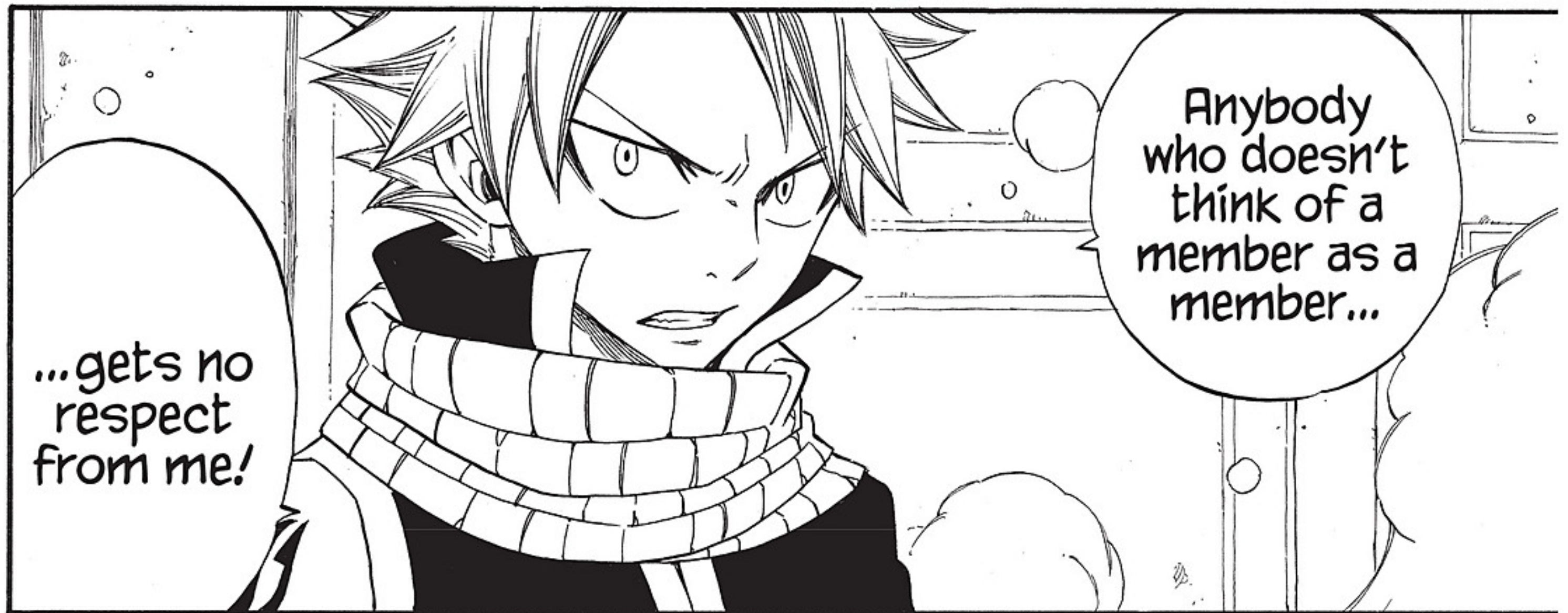
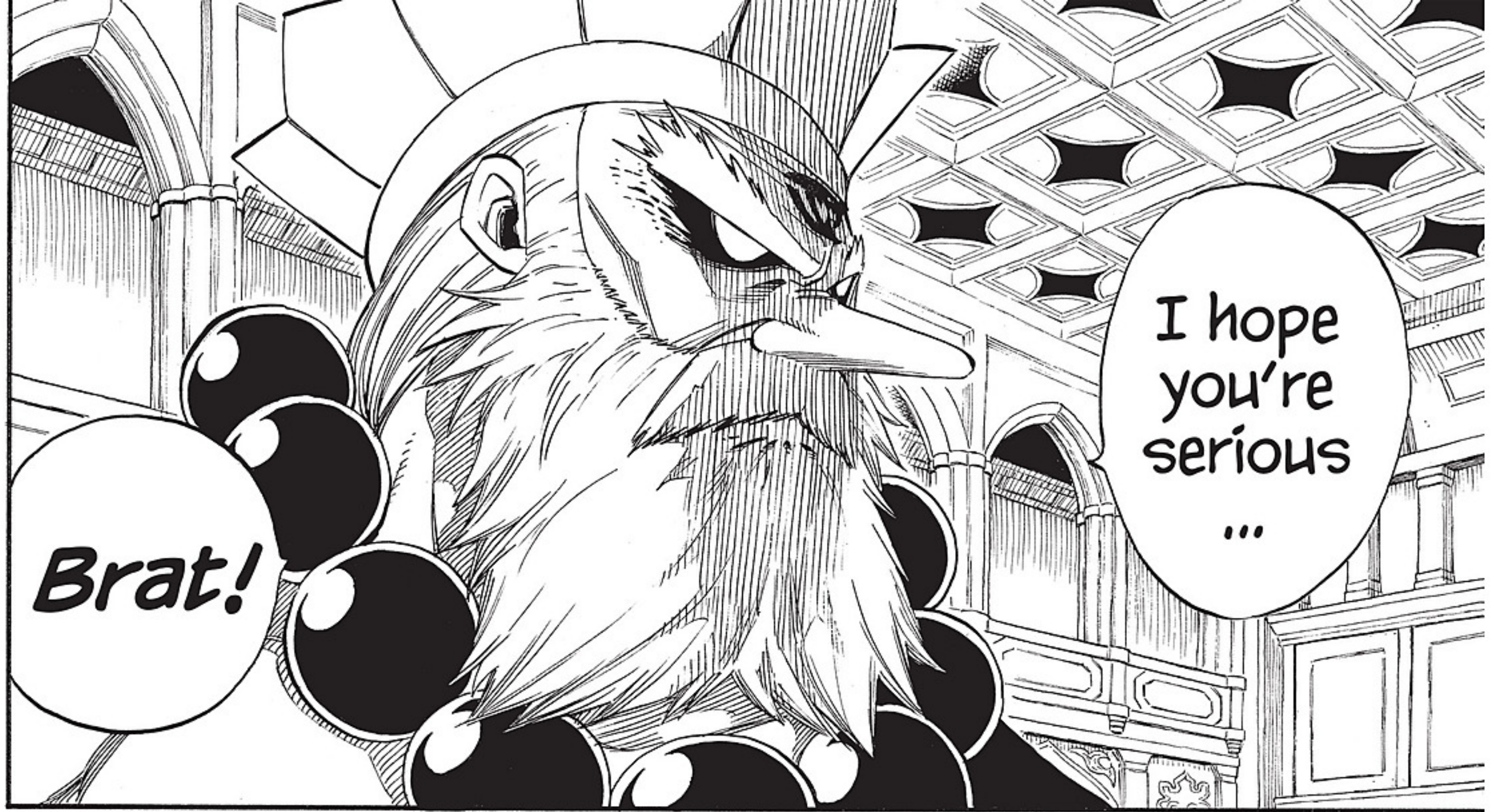
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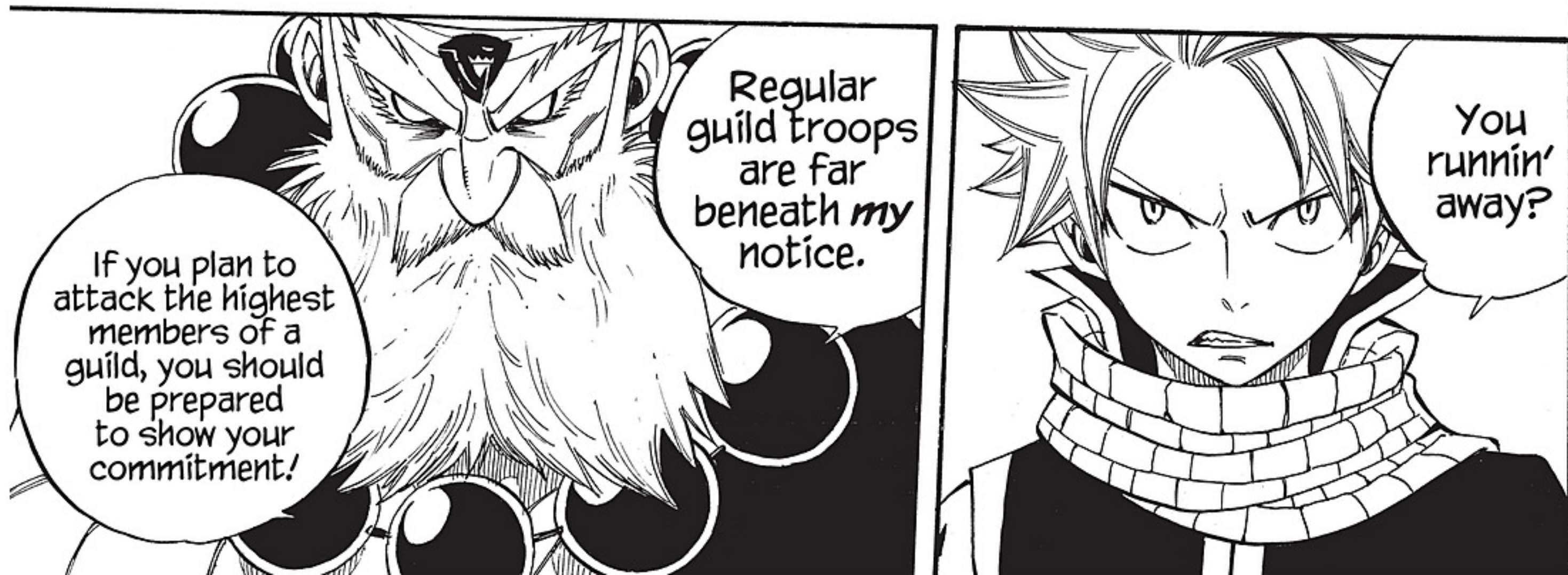
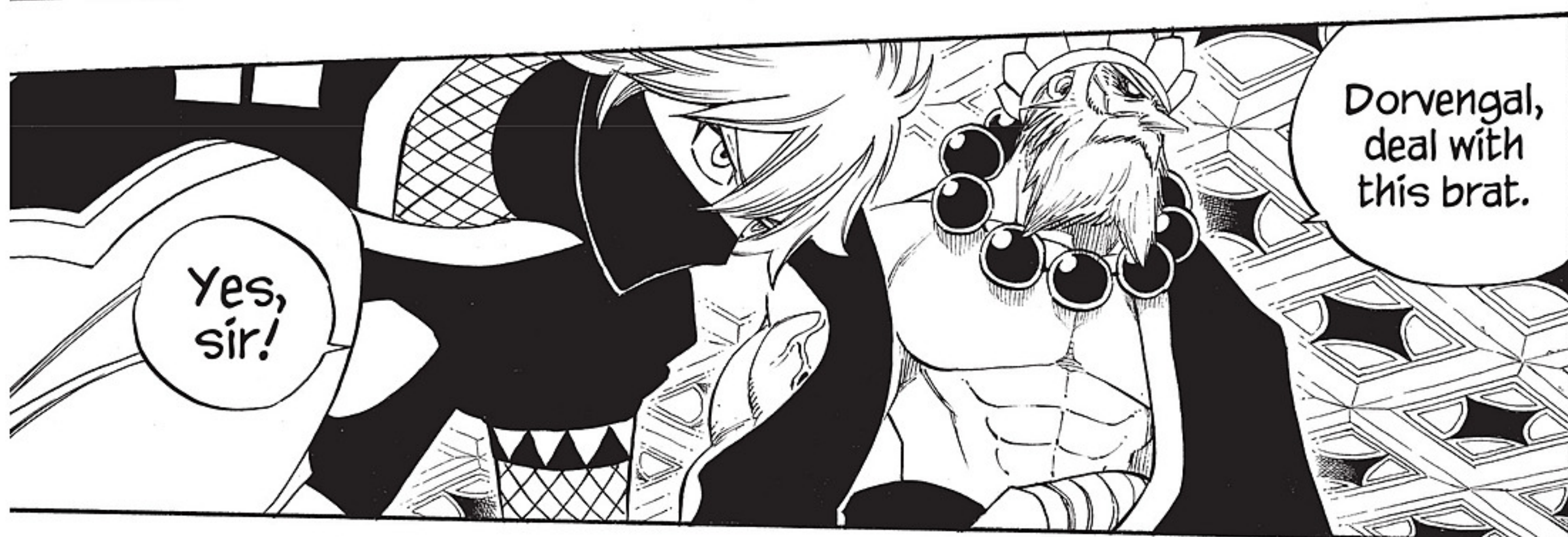
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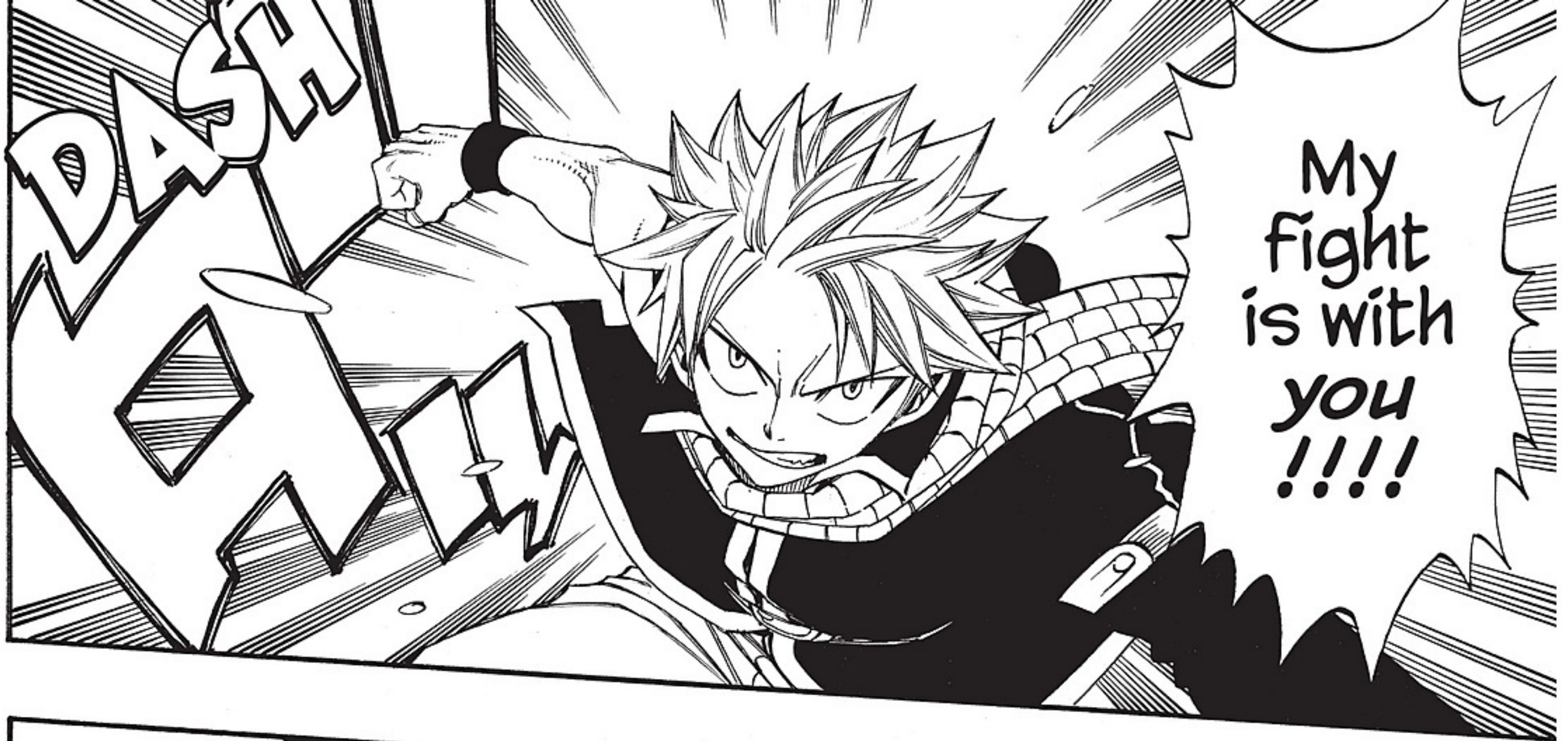
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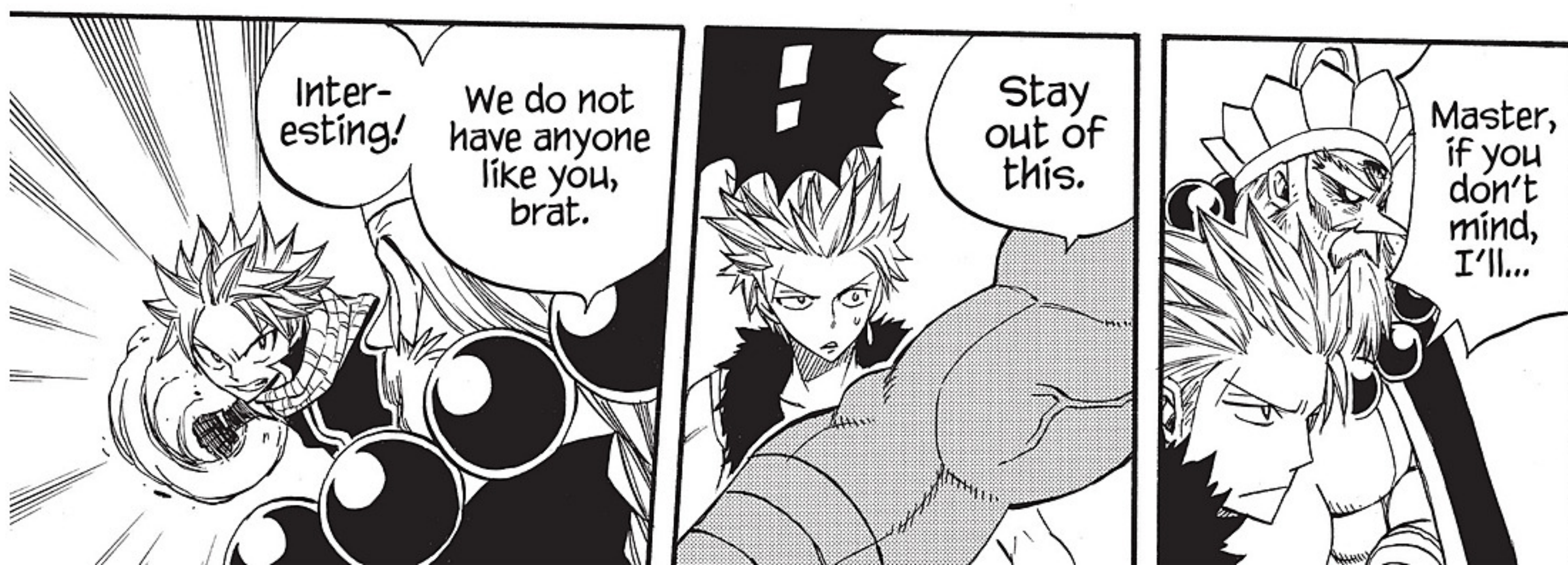


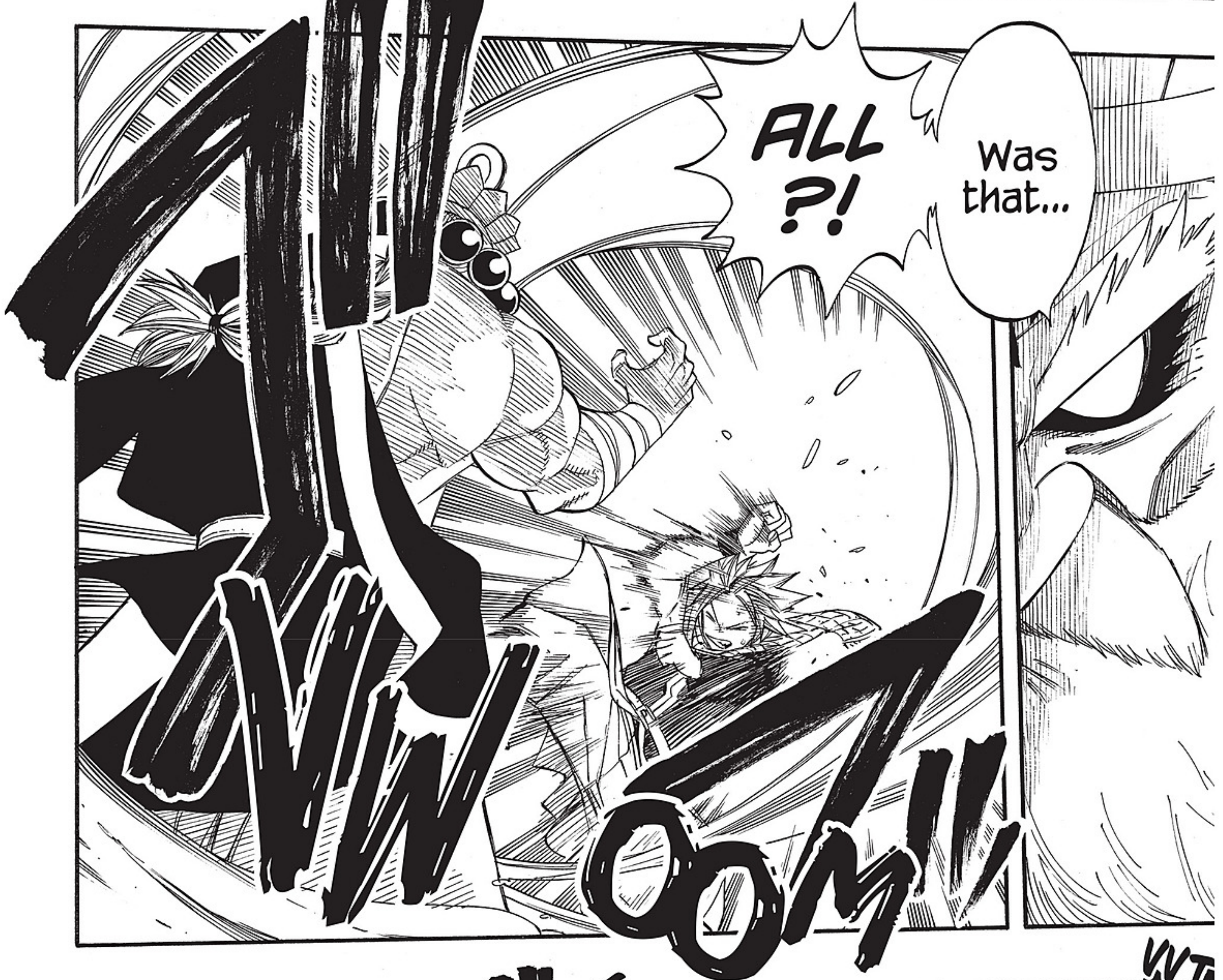
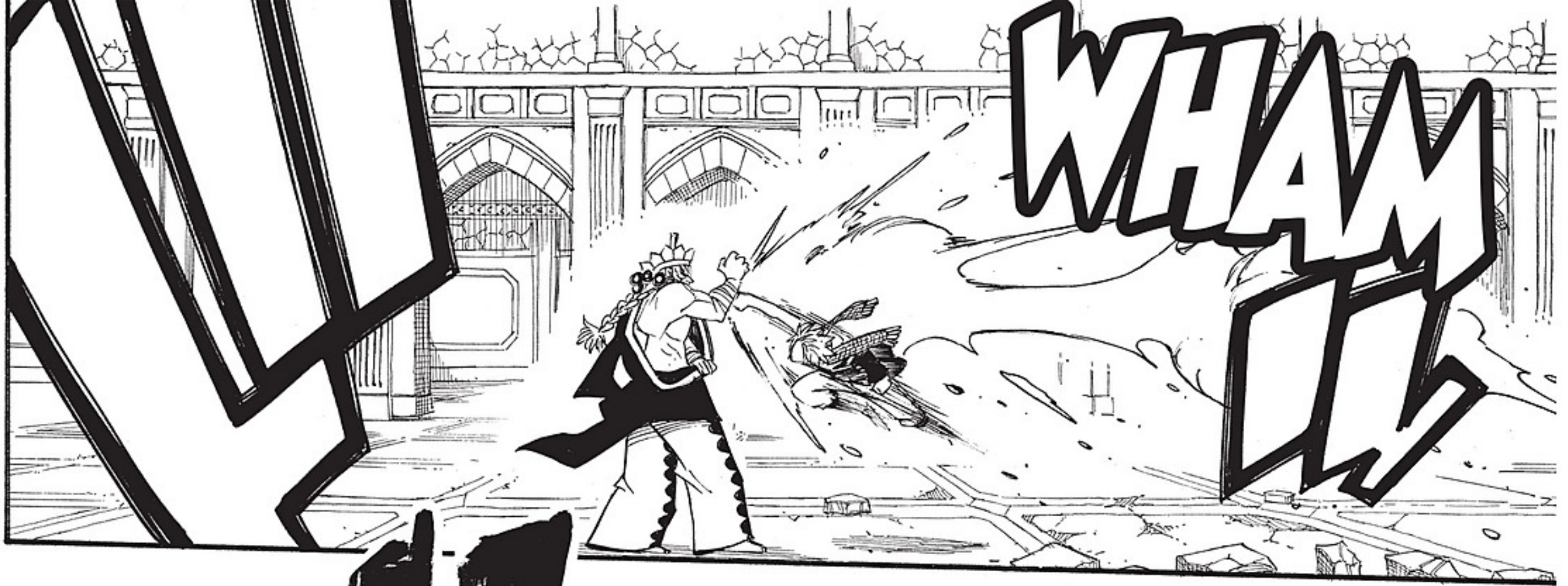




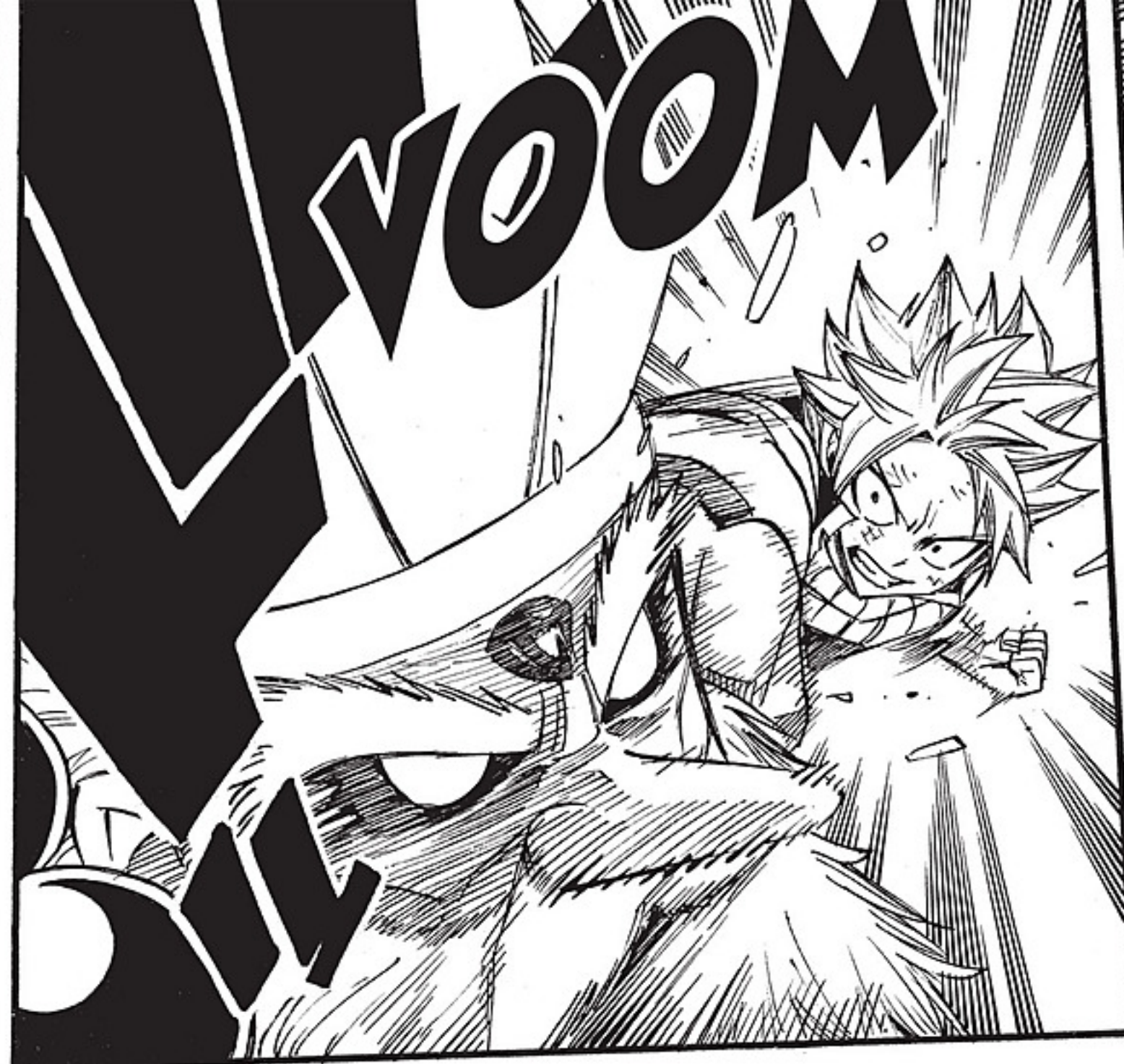


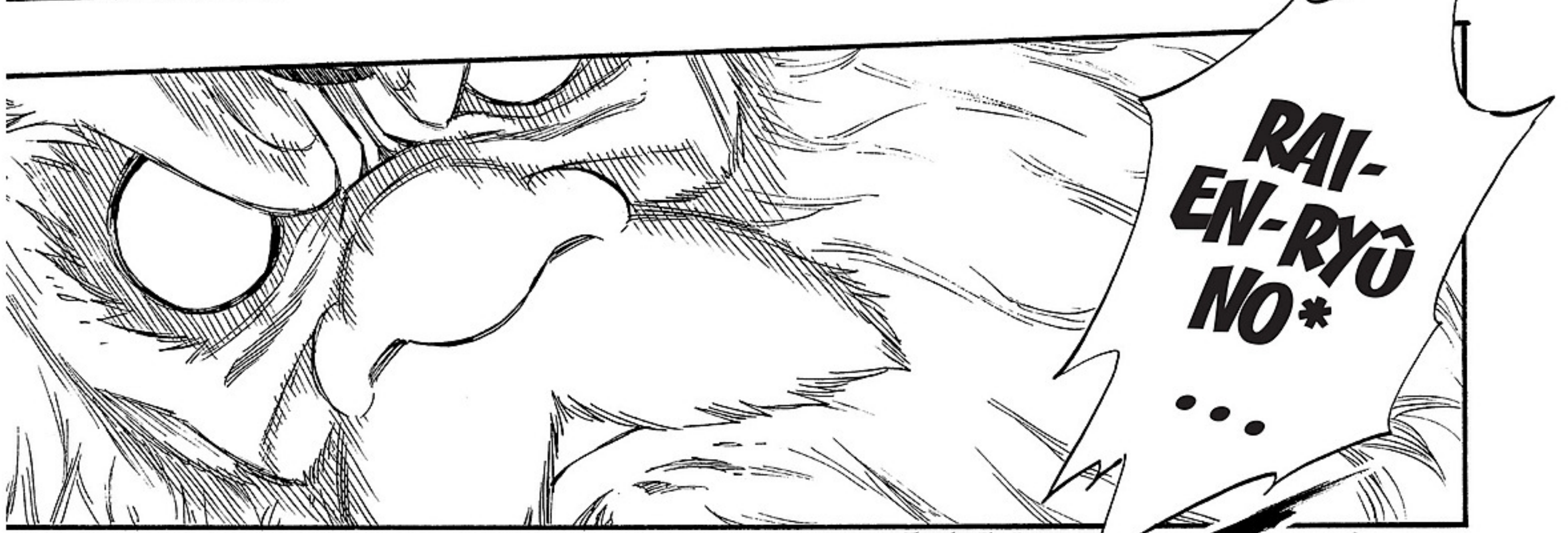
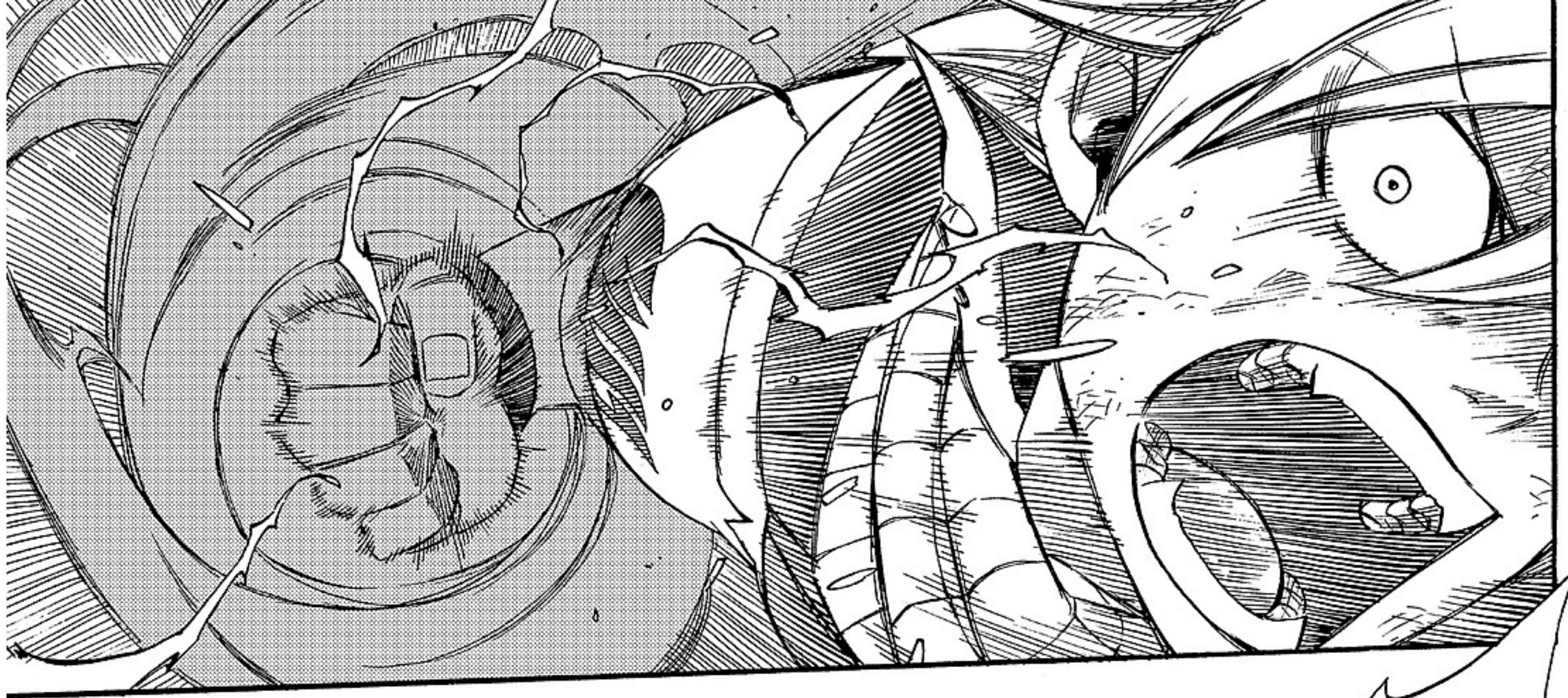












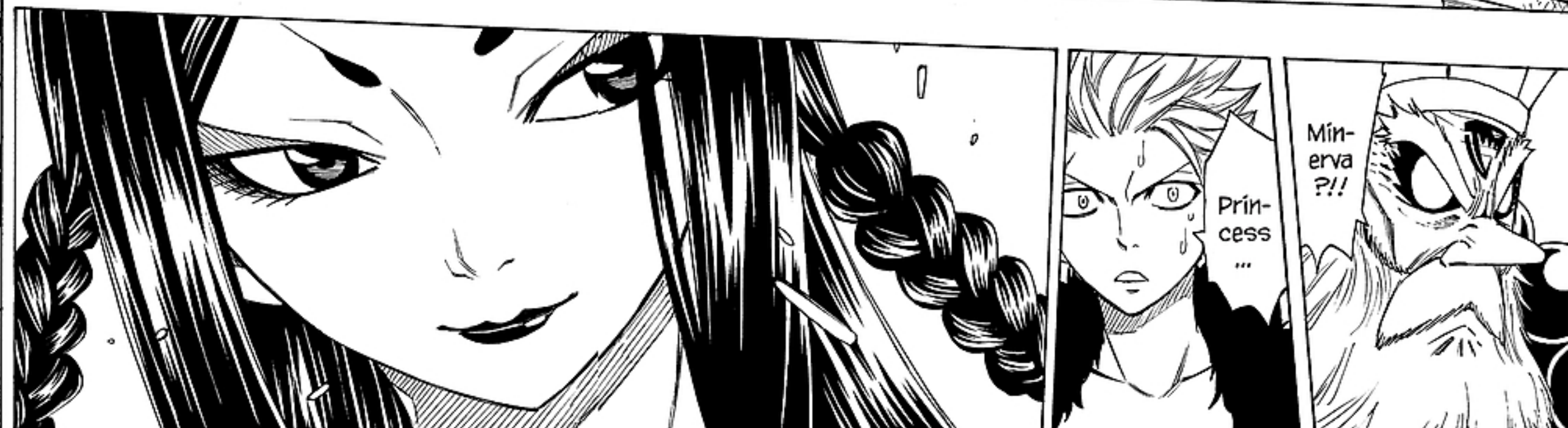
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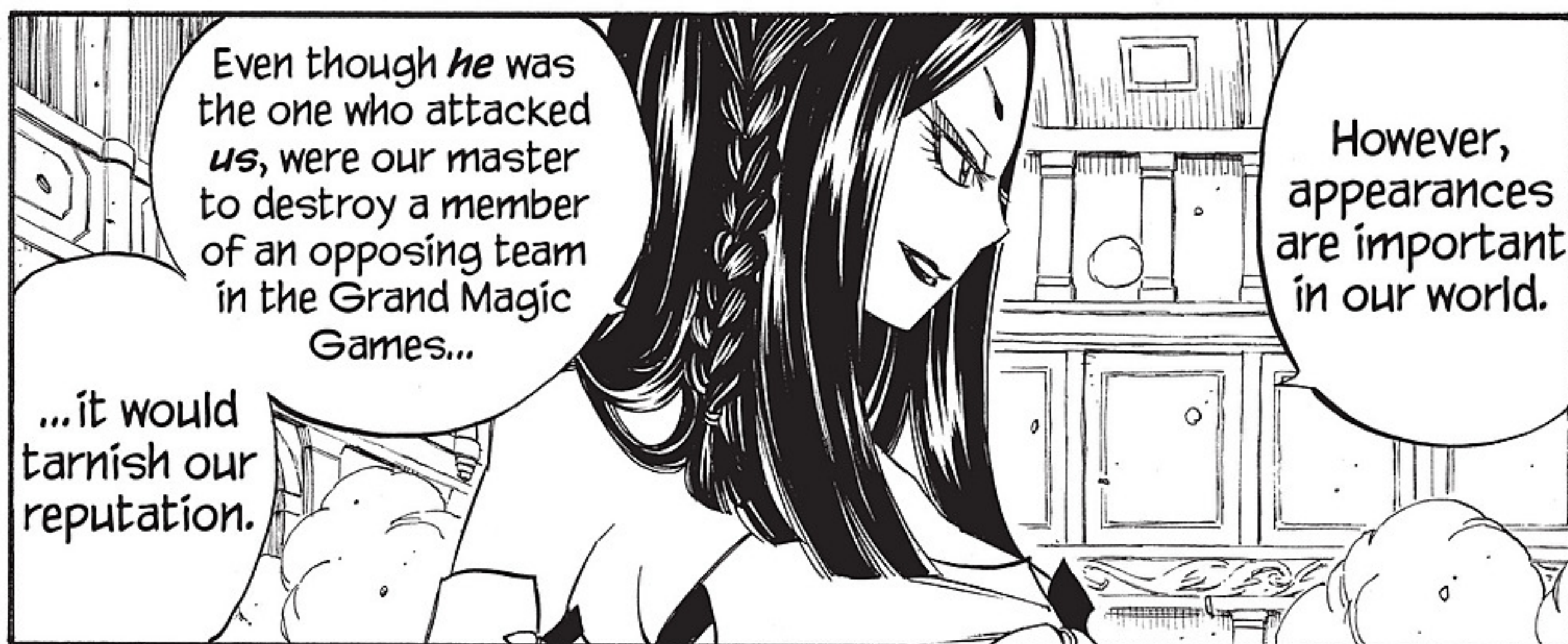
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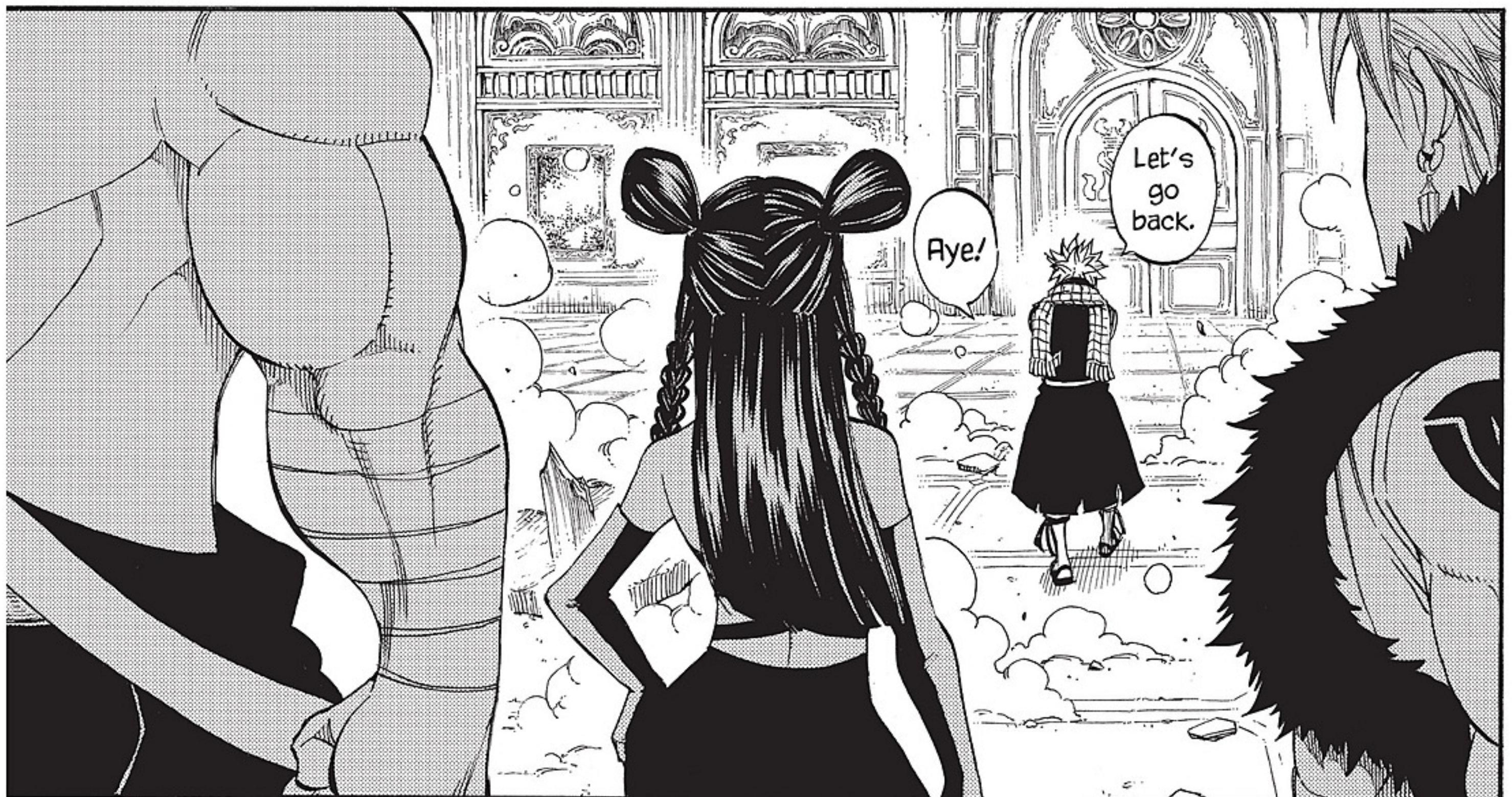
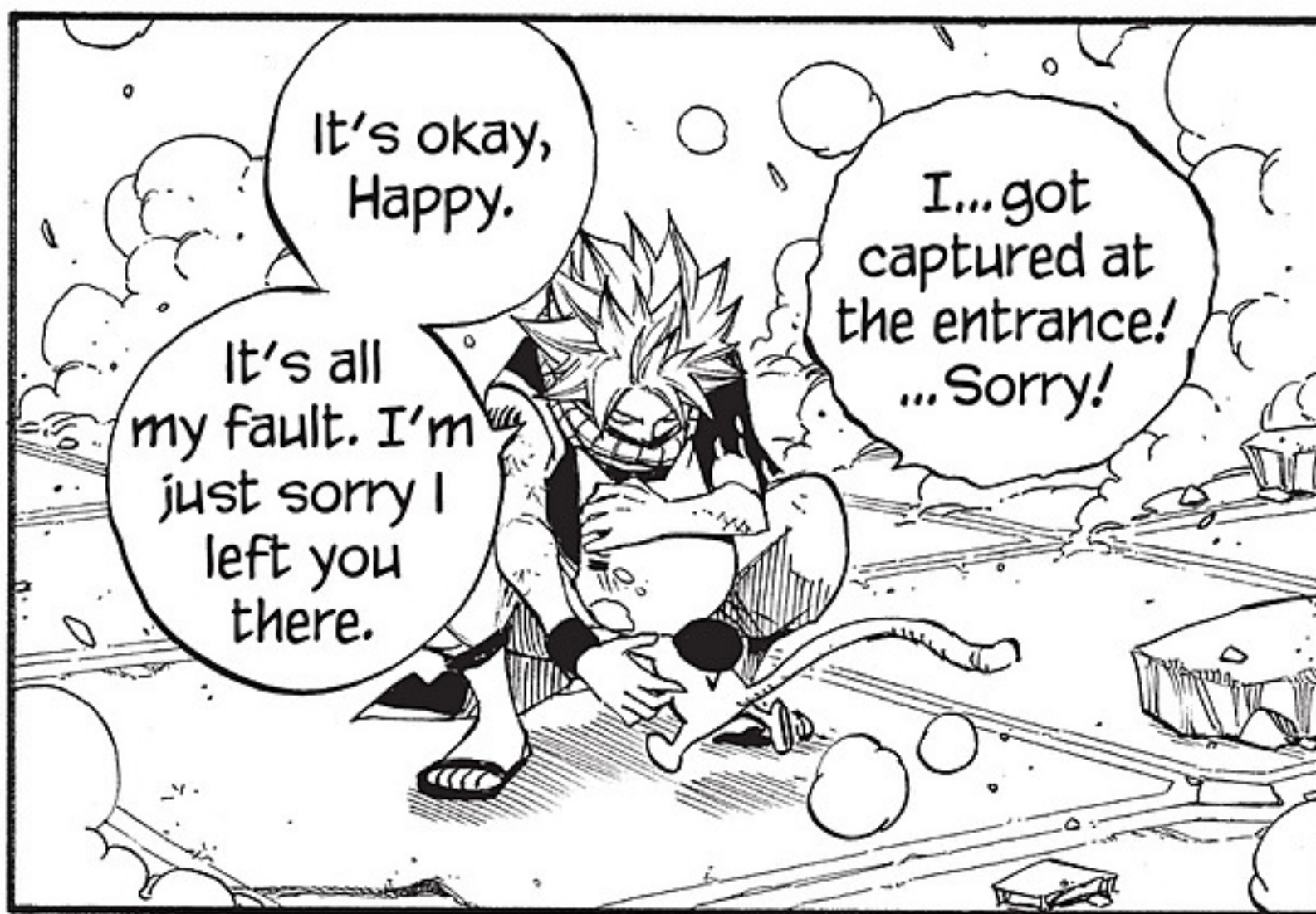
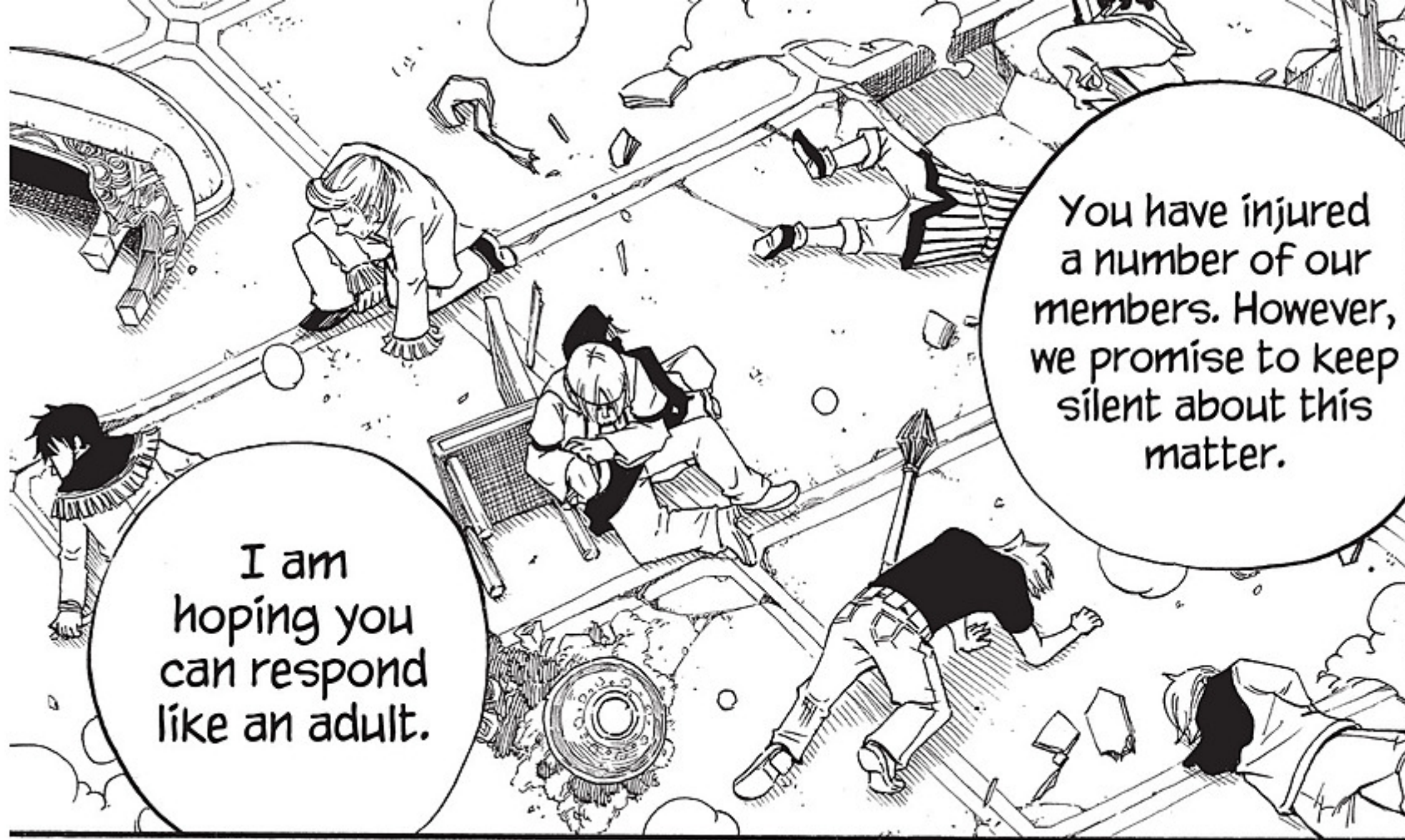


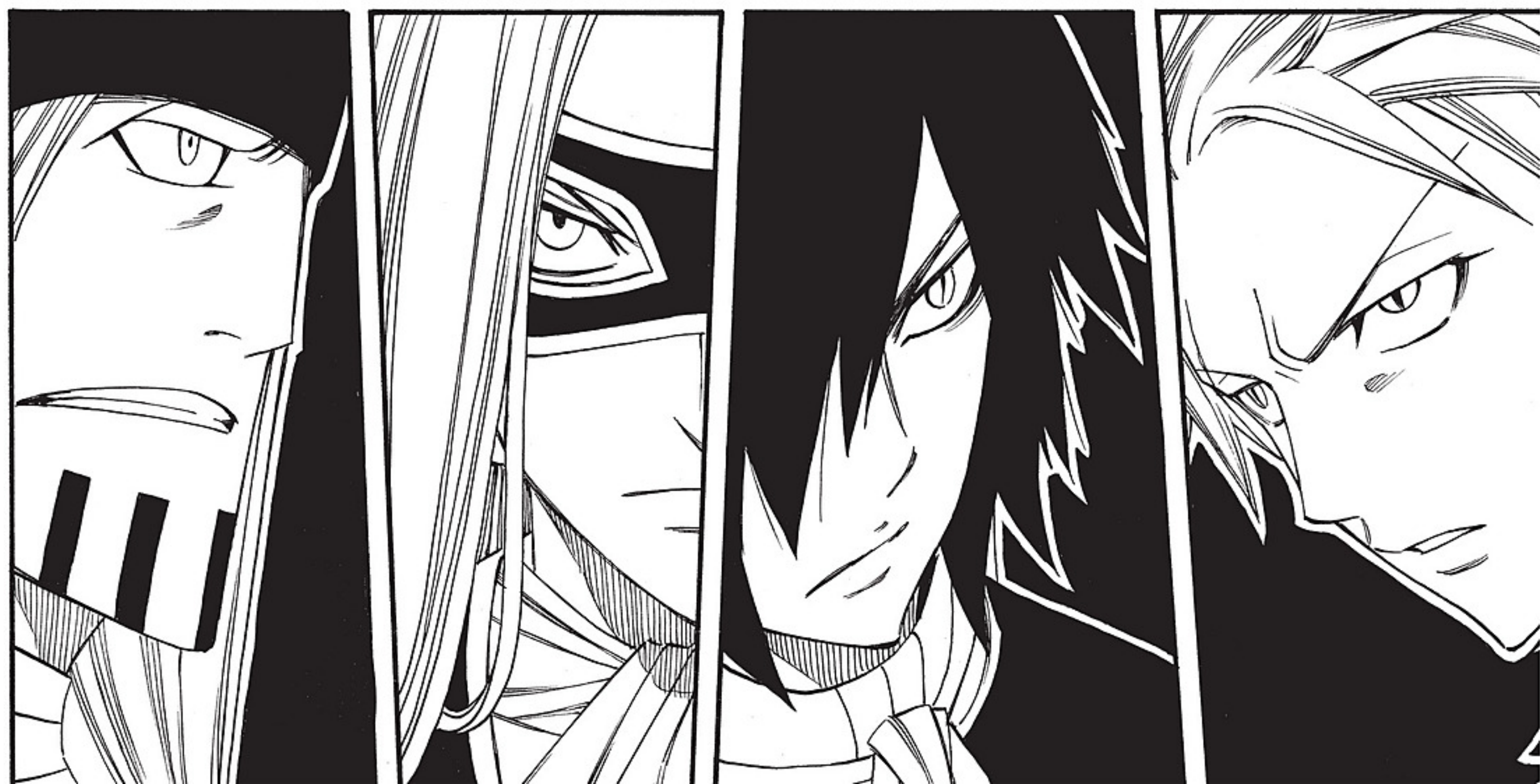
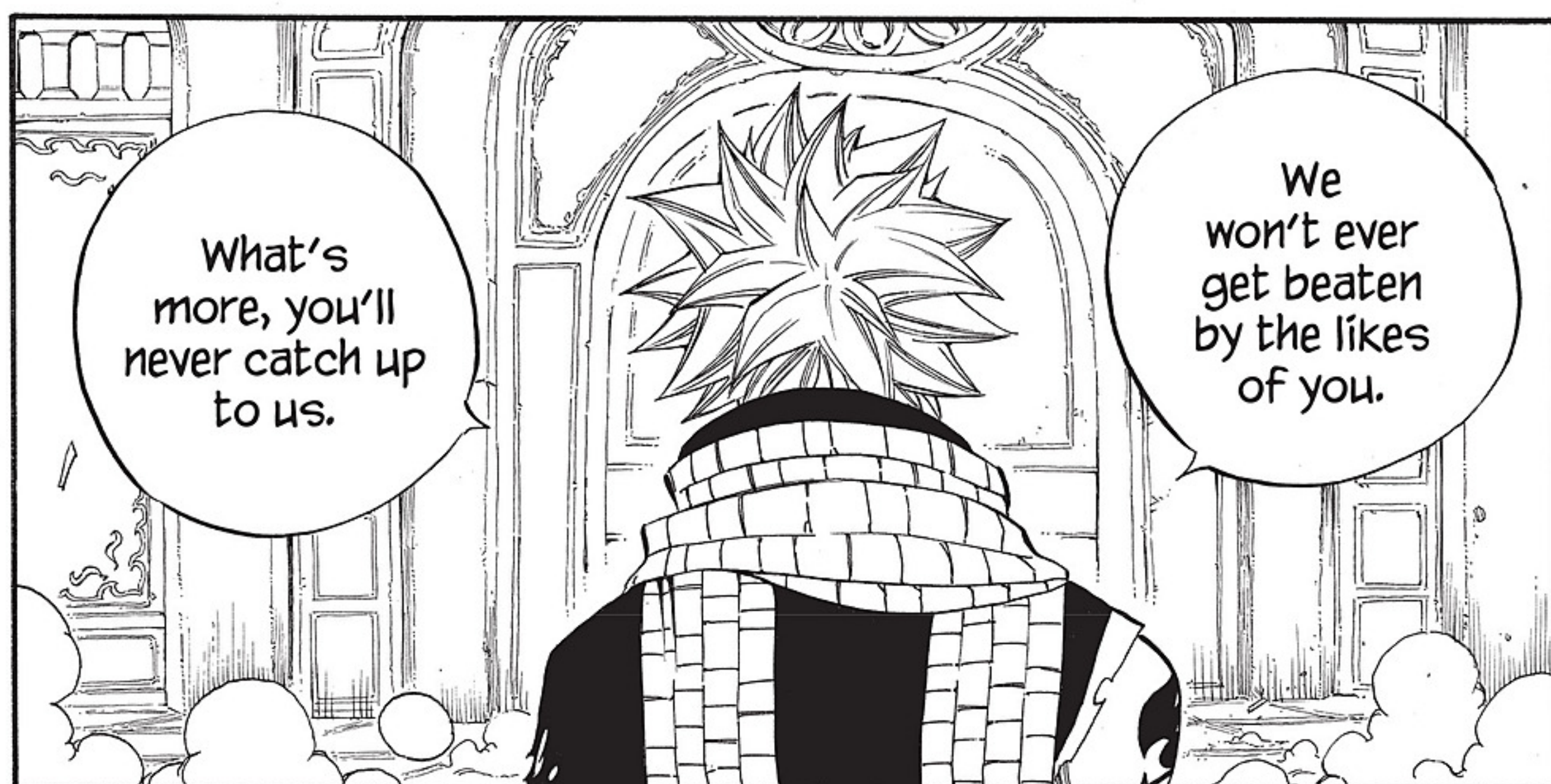
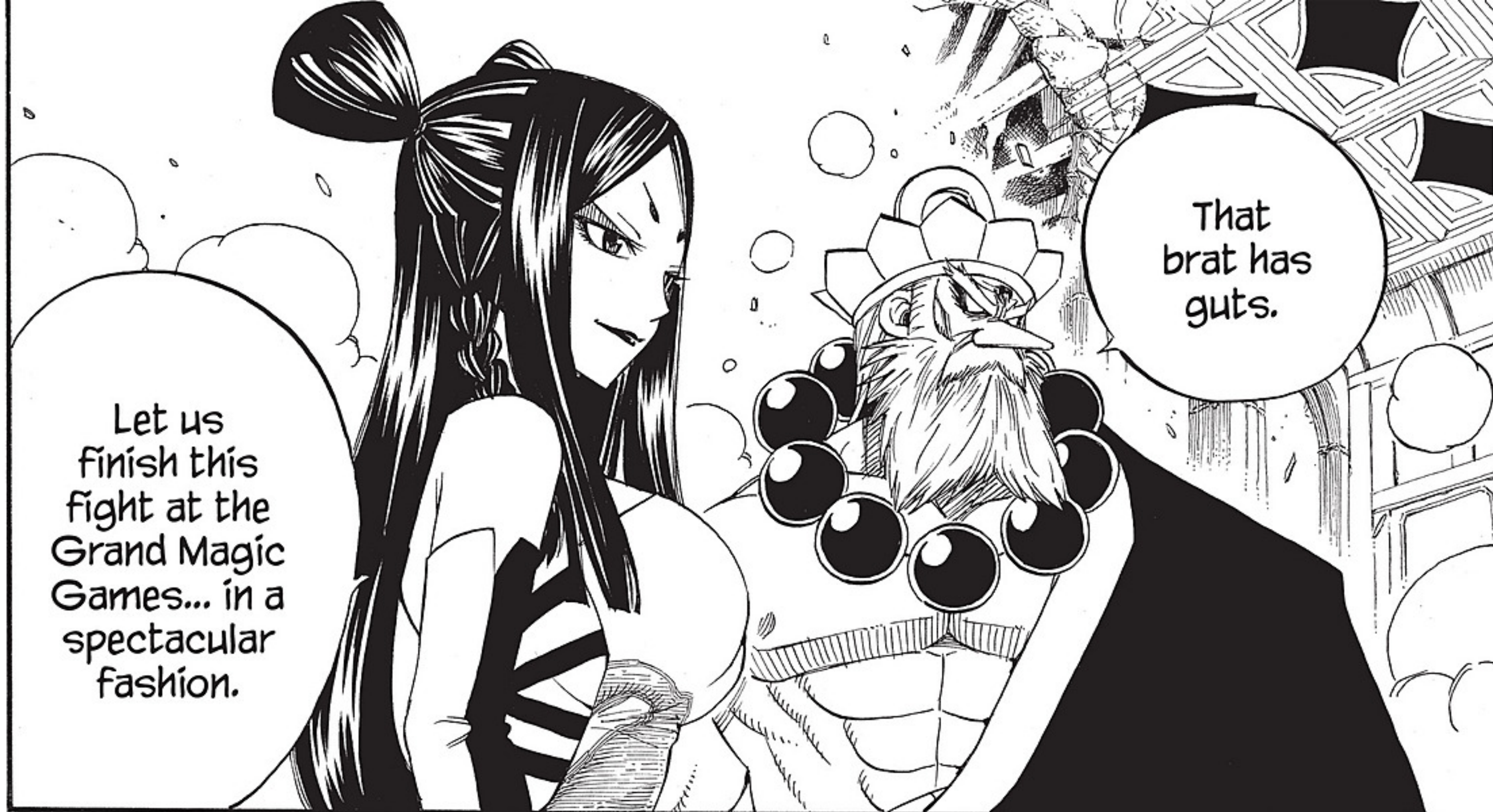
...
**GĒKI-
TETSU**
!!!!!!**







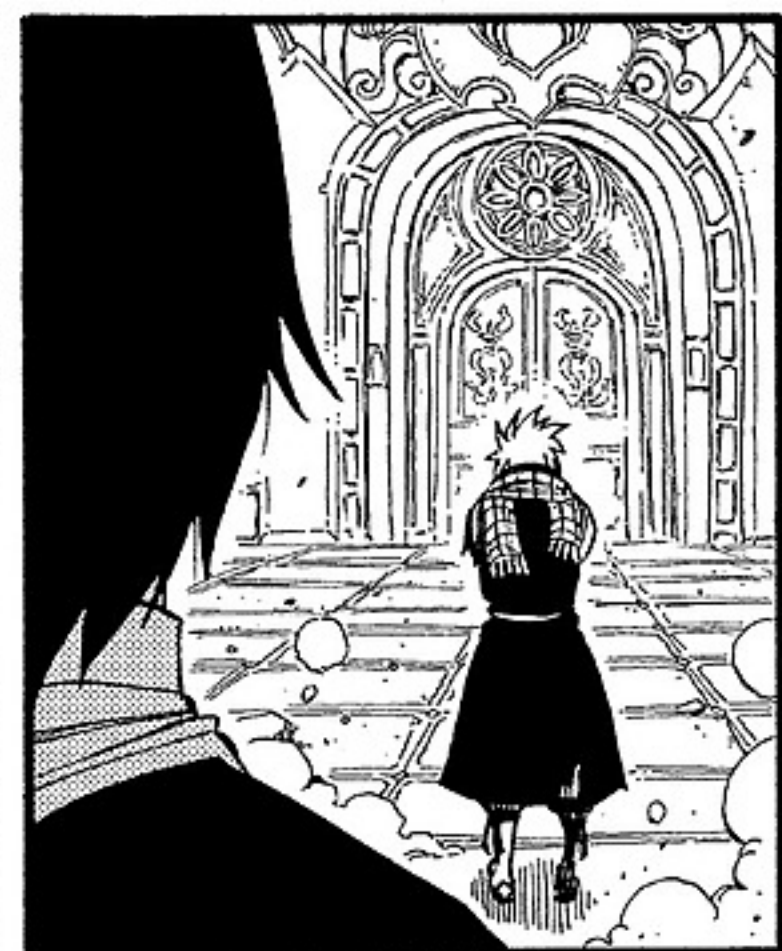






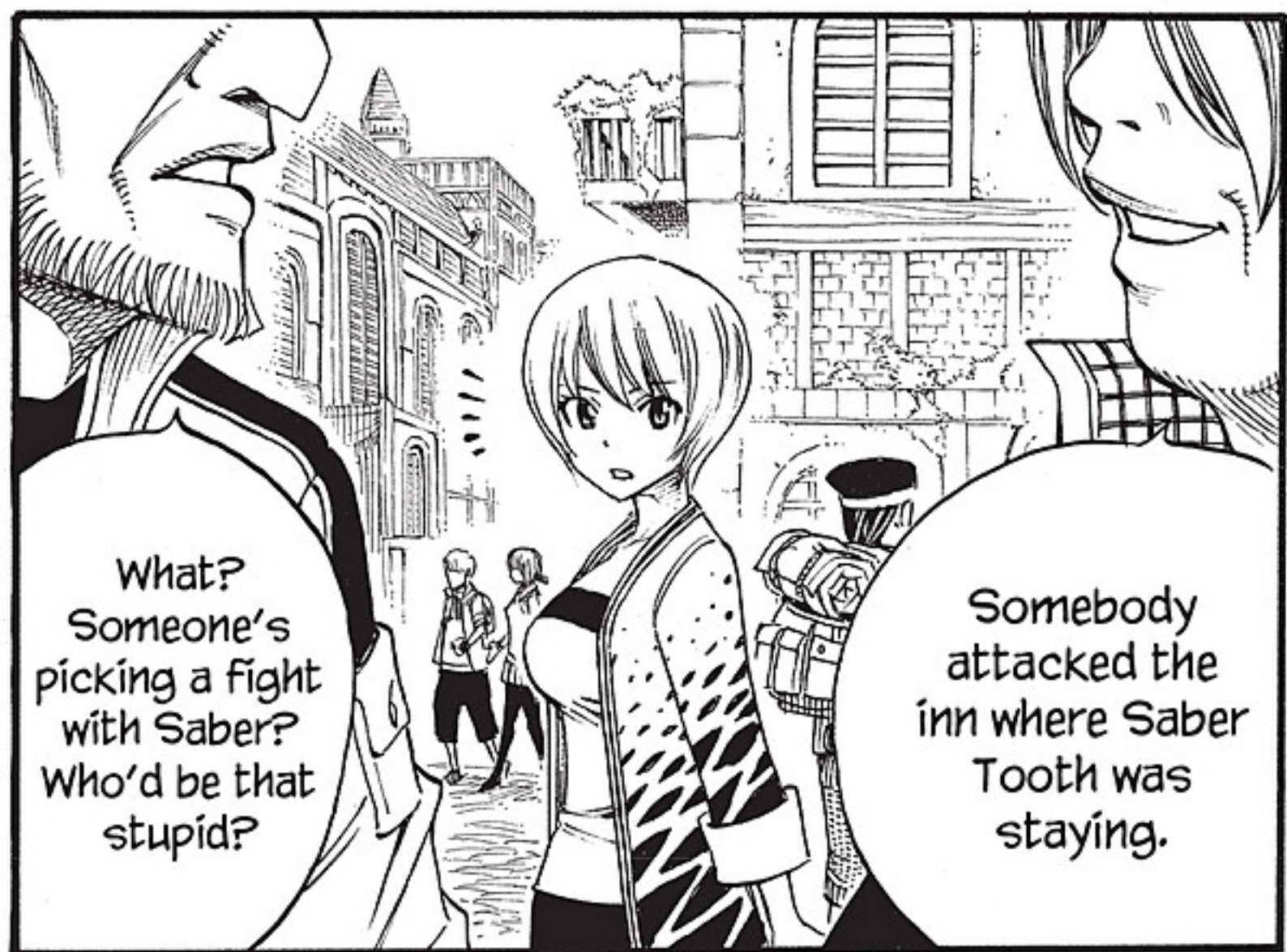
**If you're
a guild,
treat your
comrades
right.**

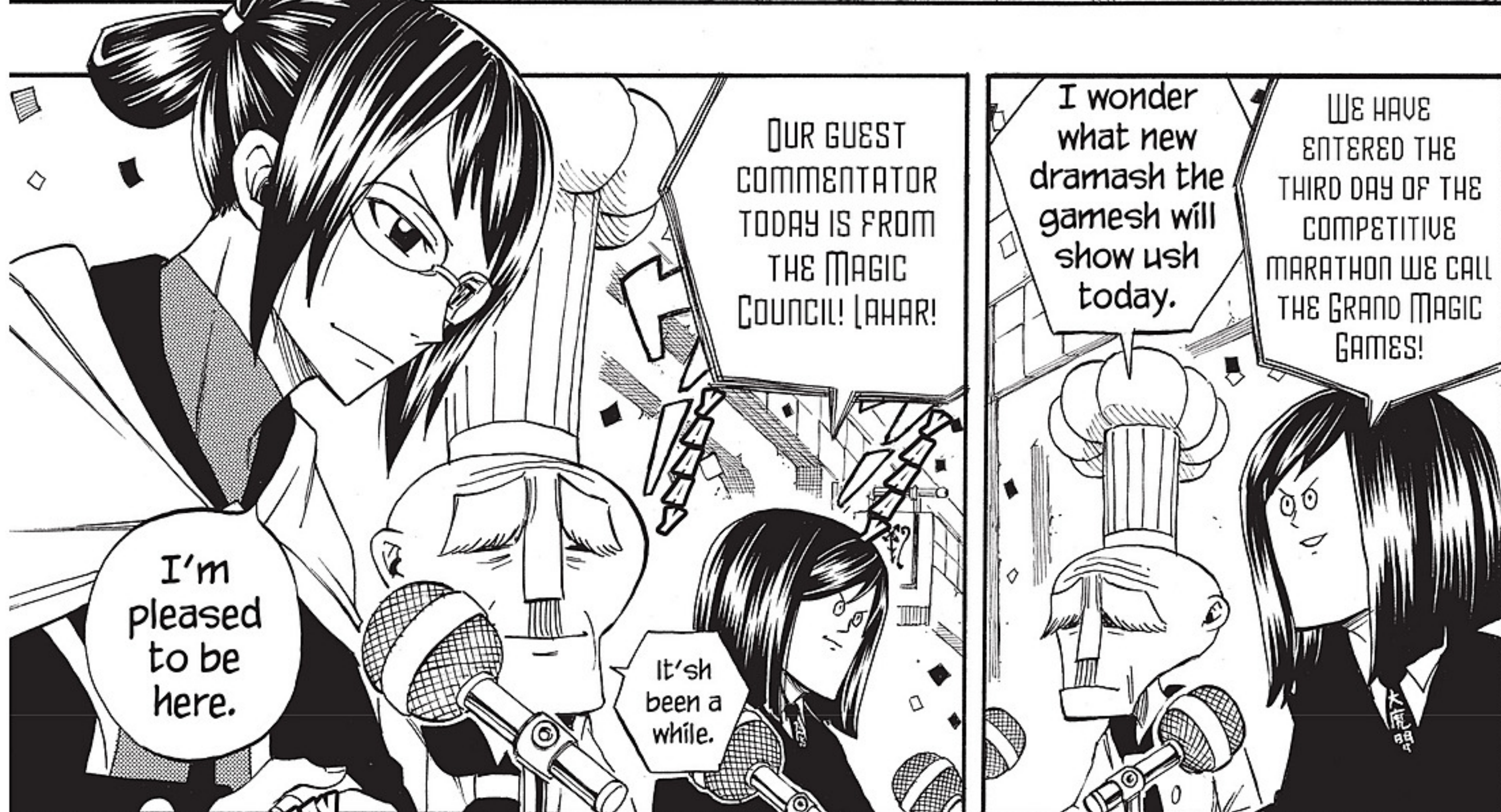
**That's
all I
wanted
to say.**





Chapter 284: Pandemonium







You want to see the old members of Fairy Tail back in action, don't you?



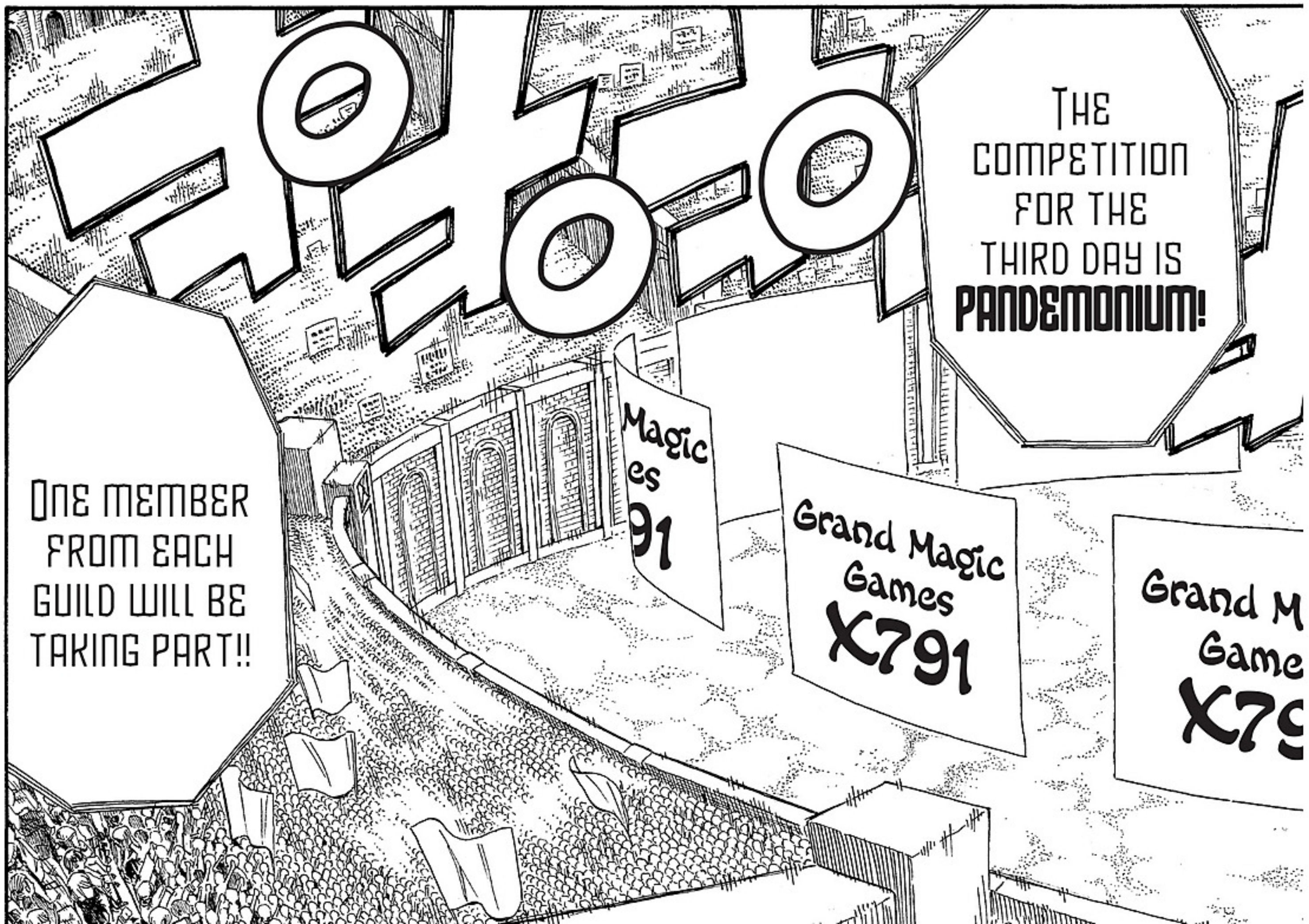
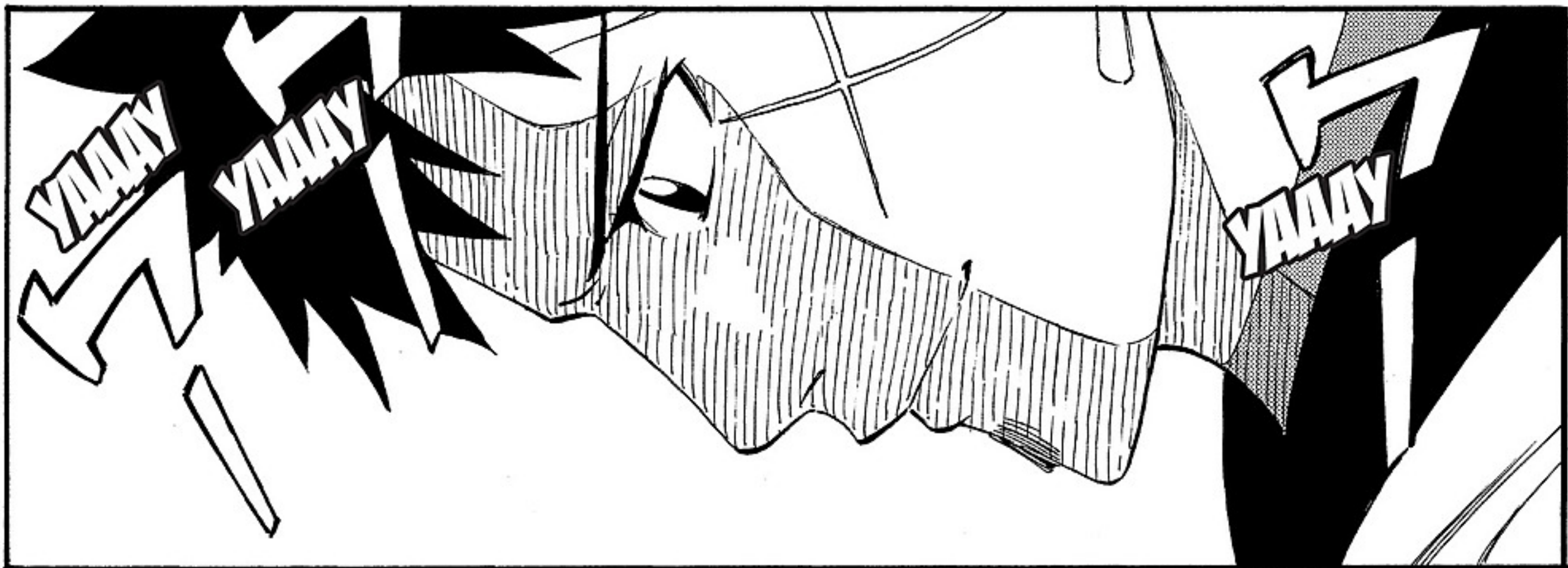
No... I have...

Come along too, Doranbalt.



I had no good reason to refuse.

A guest at the Grand Magic Games? You?!



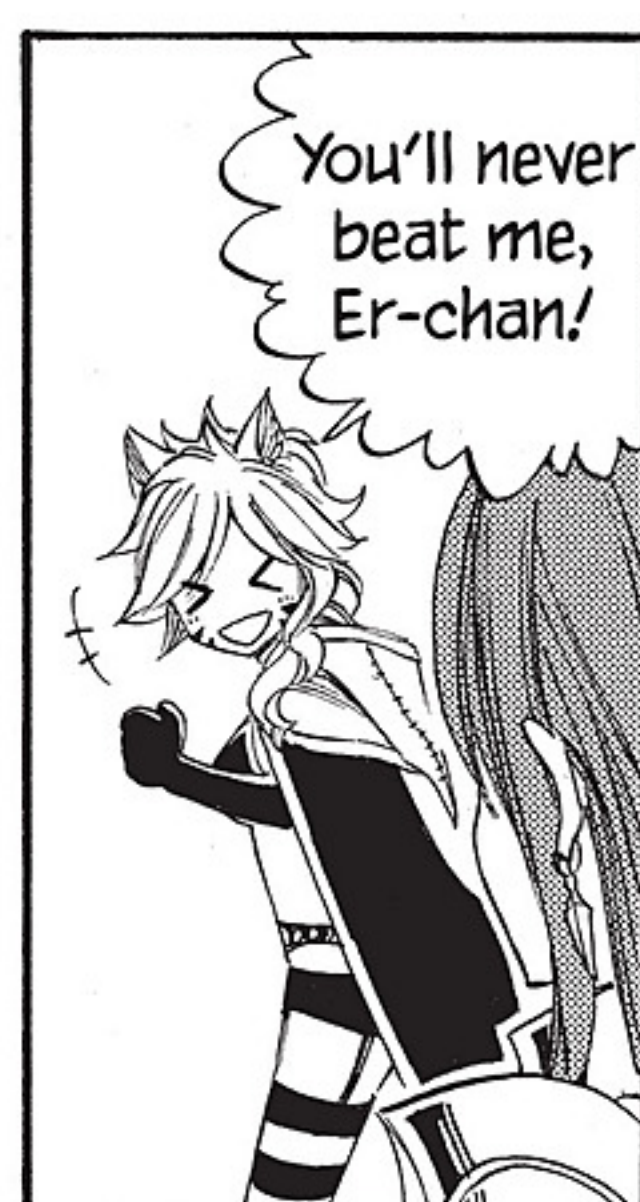
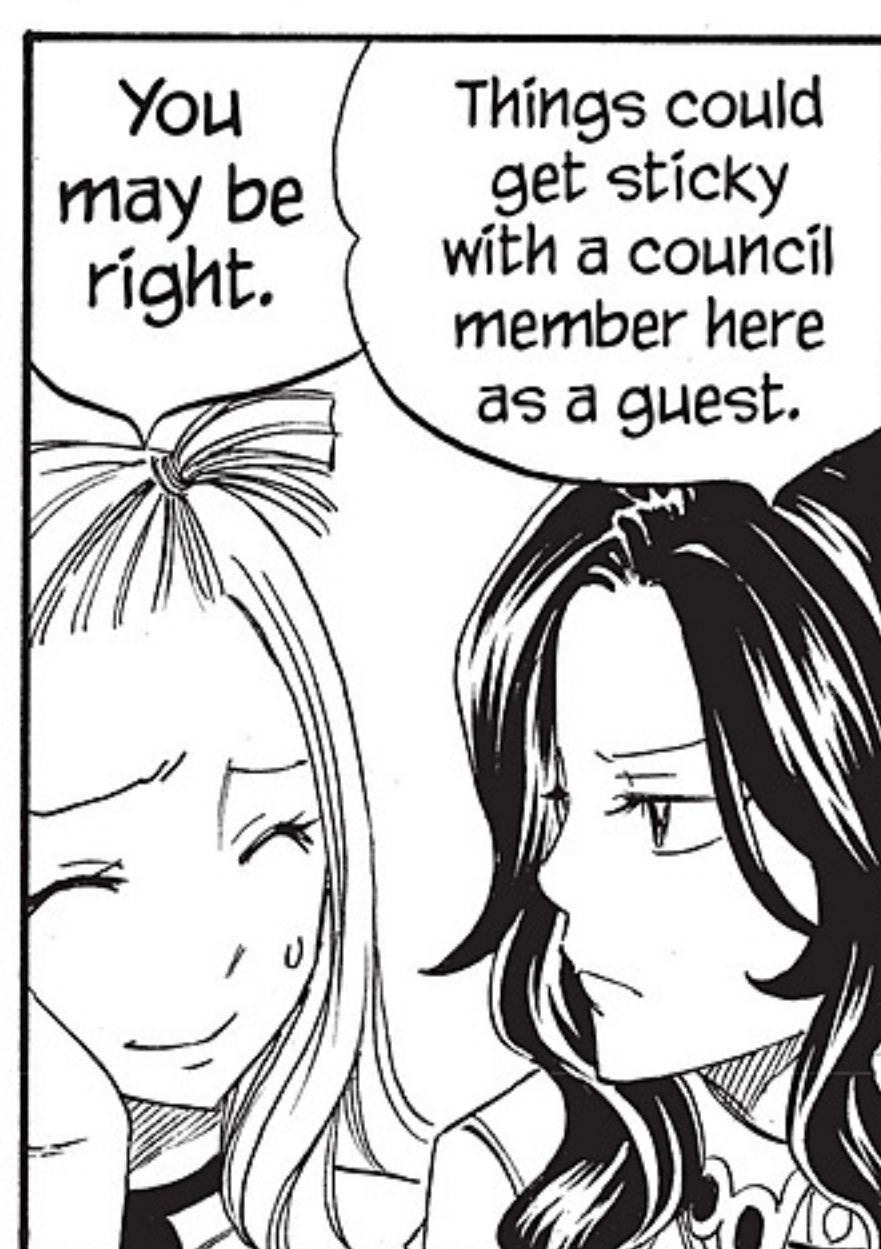
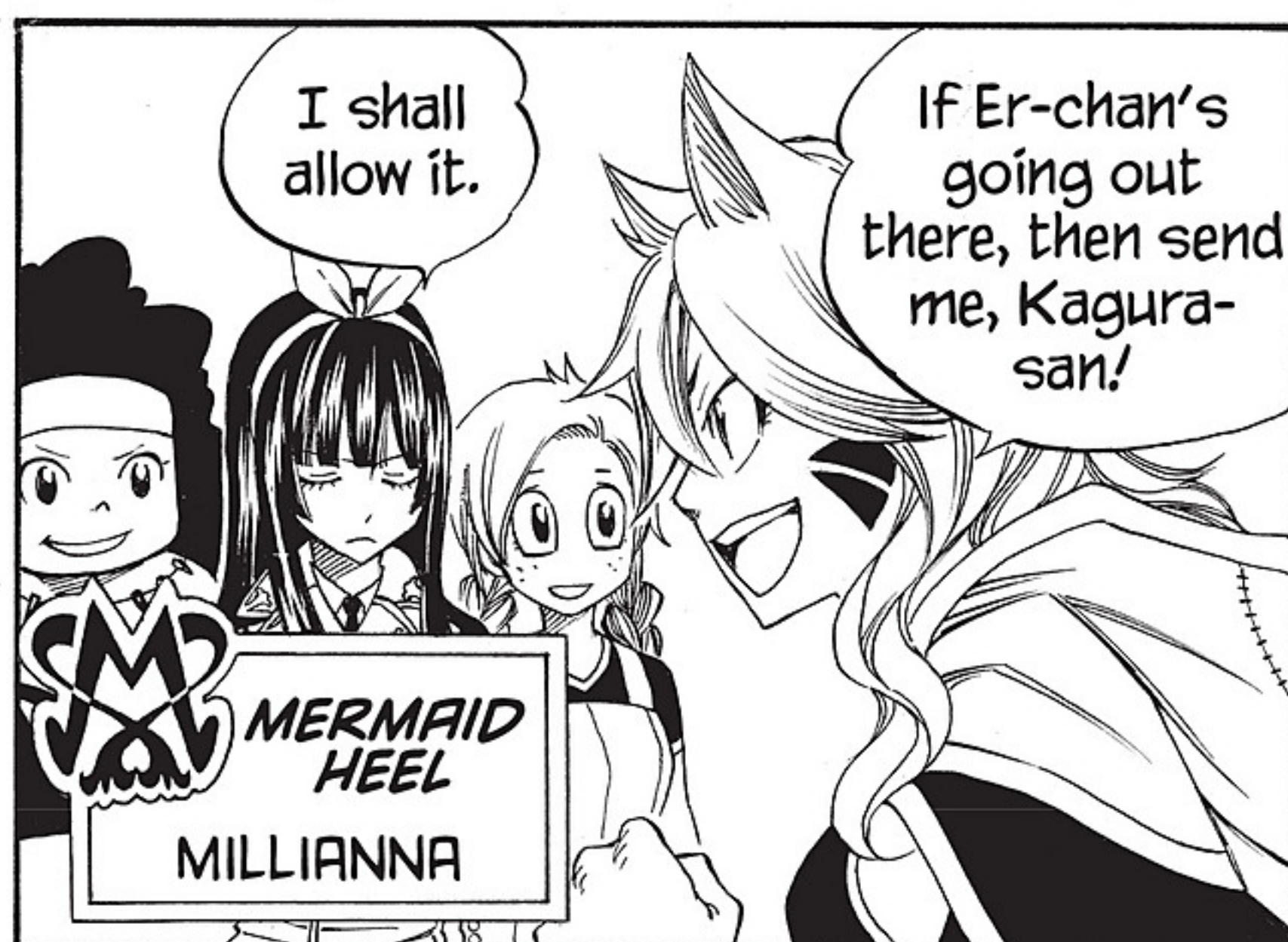
ONE MEMBER FROM EACH GUILD WILL BE TAKING PART!!

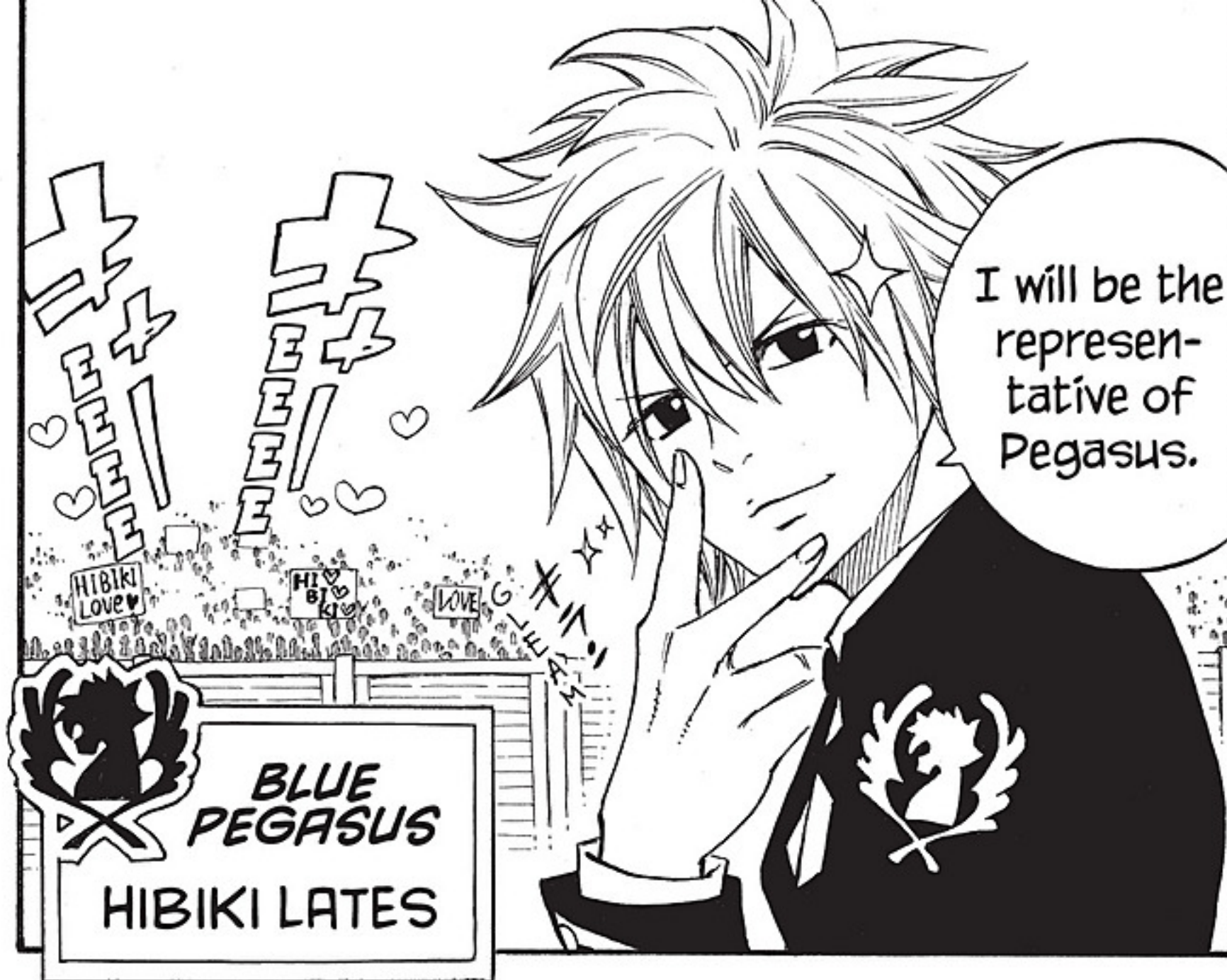
THE COMPETITION FOR THE THIRD DAY IS PANDEMONIUM!

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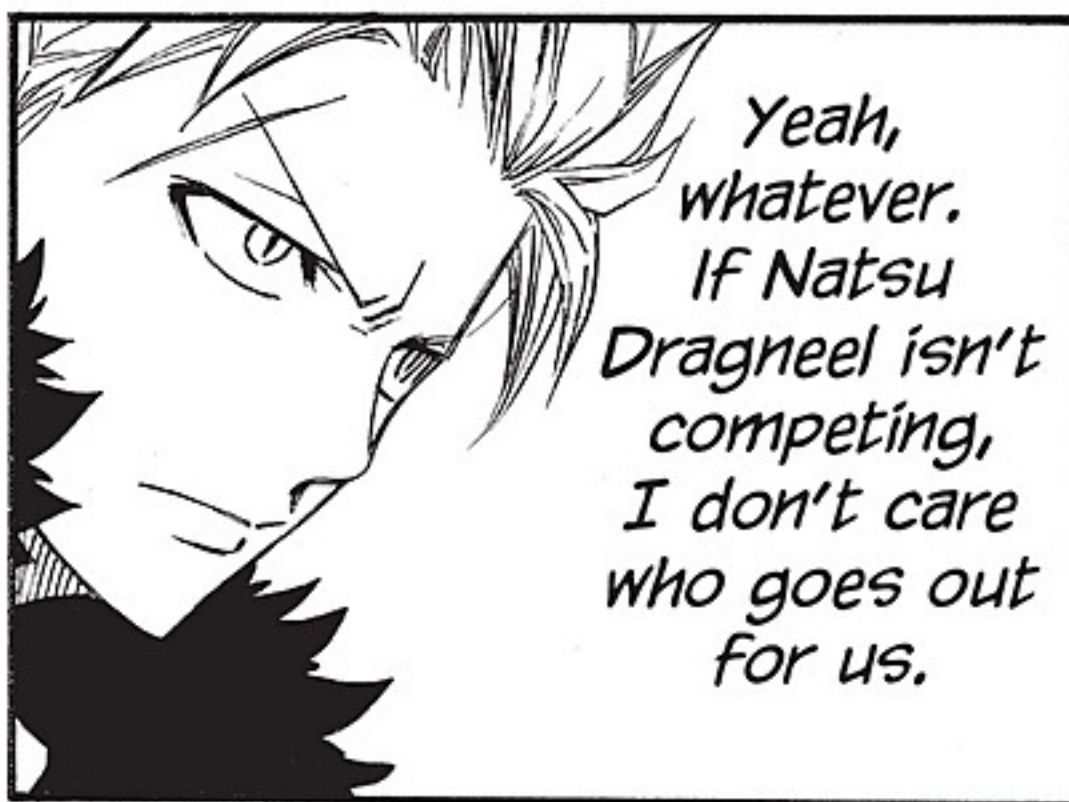
I will be the representative of Pegasus.

BLUE PEGASUS
HIBIKI LATES

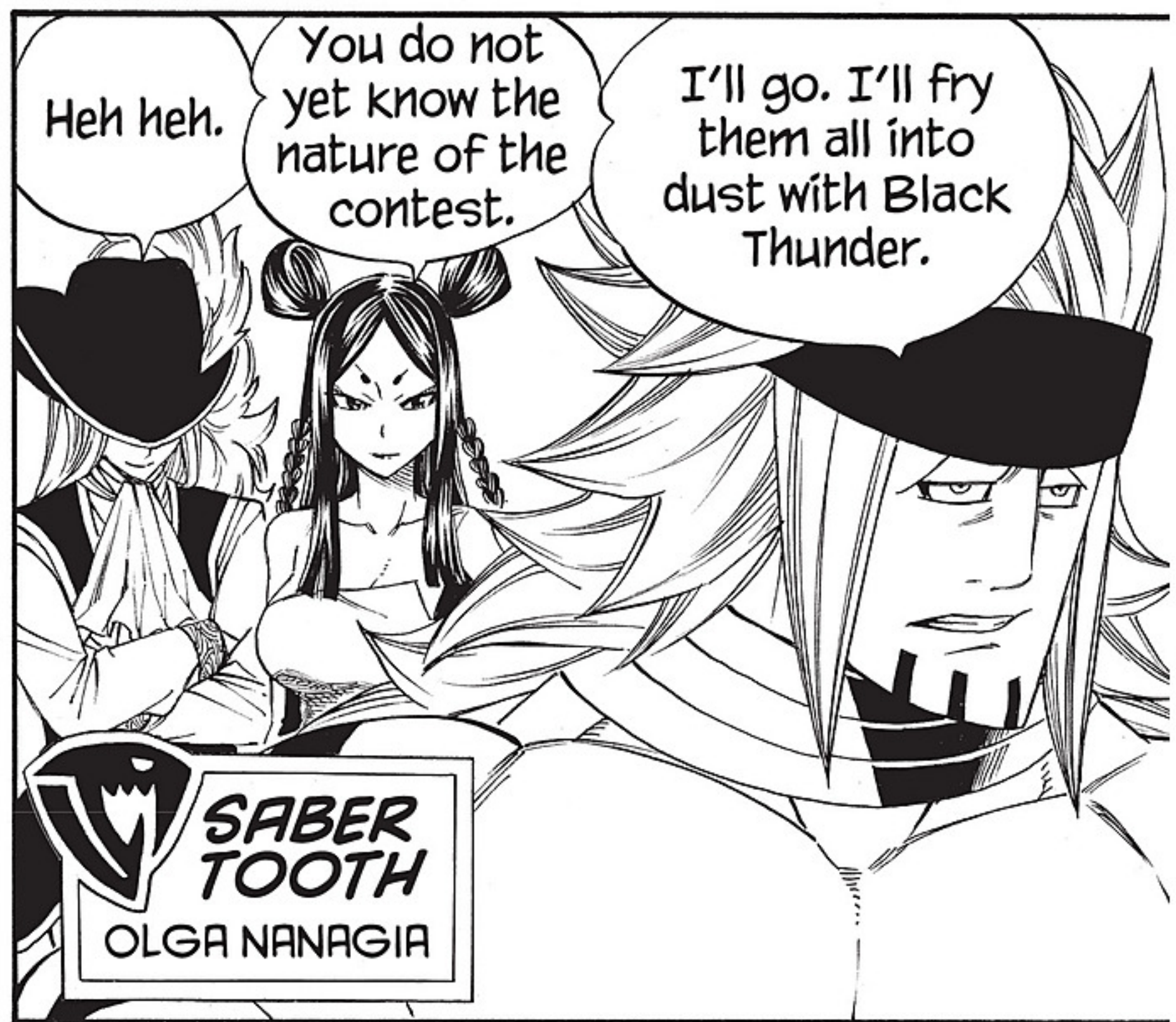


There's a council member there. Do nothing to draw attention, Obra.

RAVEN TAIL
OBRA



Yeah, whatever. If Natsu Dragneel isn't competing, I don't care who goes out for us.



Heh heh.

You do not yet know the nature of the contest.

I'll go. I'll fry them all into dust with Black Thunder.

SABER TOOTH
OLGA NANAGIA



Sorry about my absence from yesterday's games!

Now, let me explain the rules for Pandemonium! Punkin!



Hm... Just leave this to me.

LAMIA SCALE
JURA NEEKIS

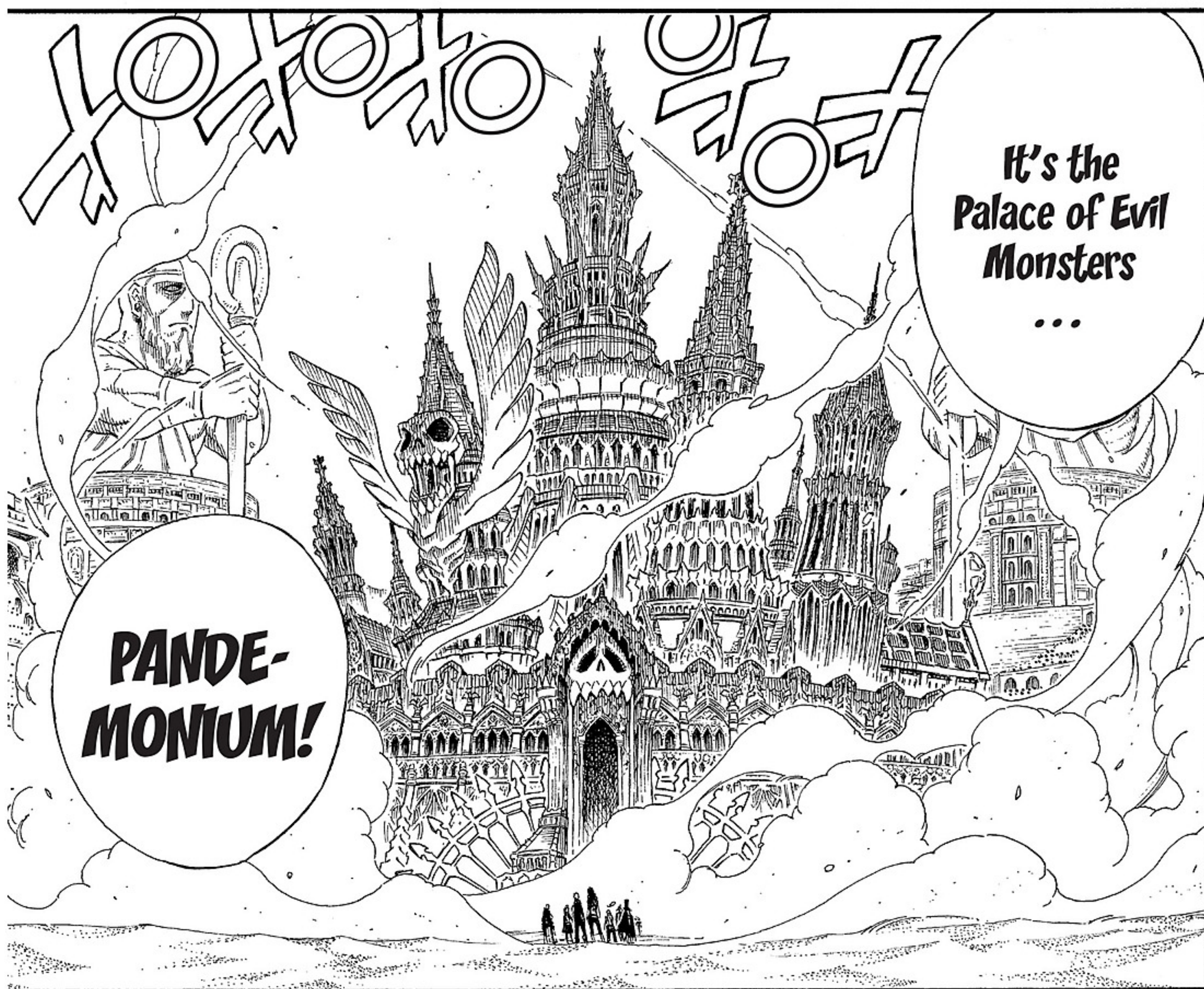


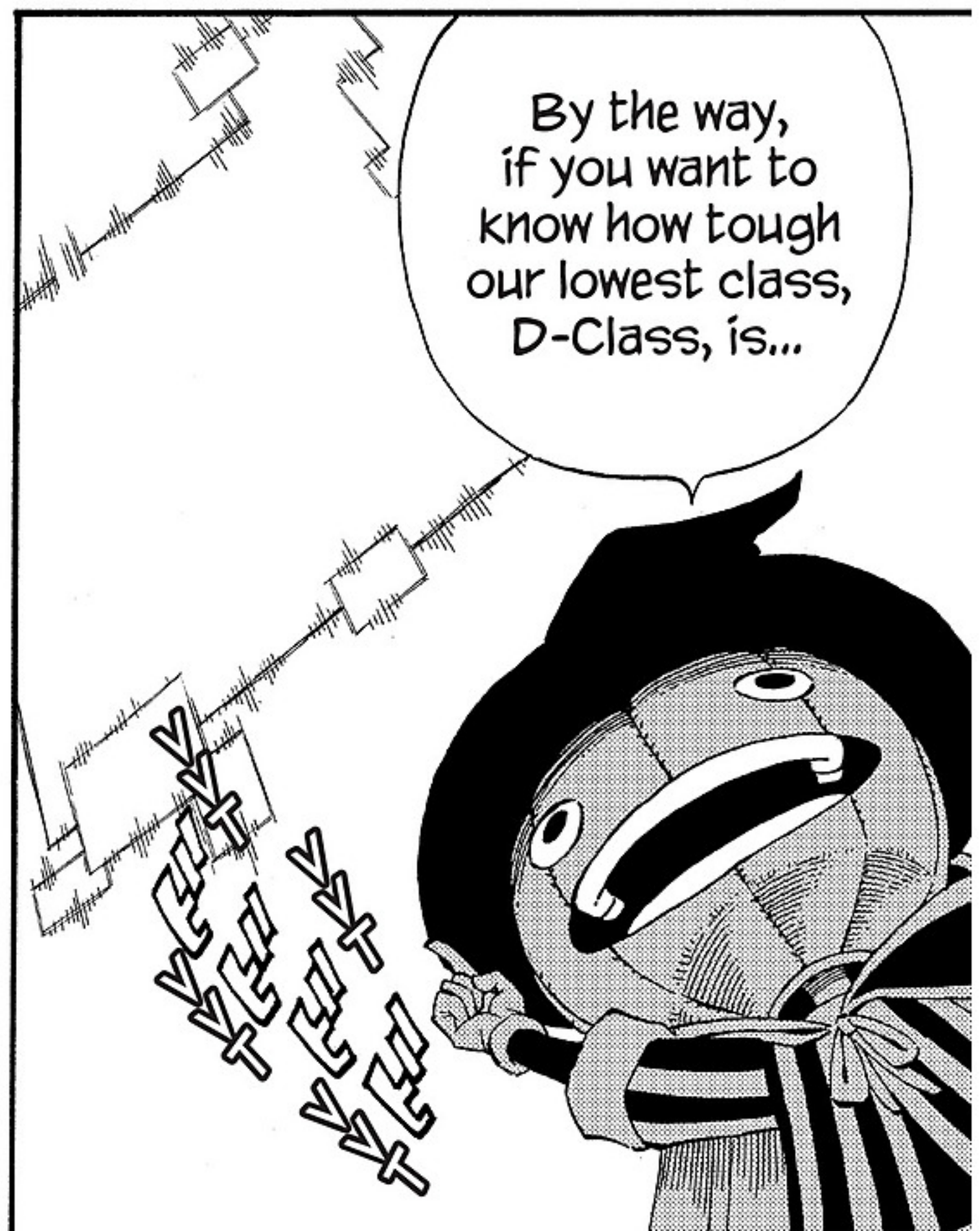
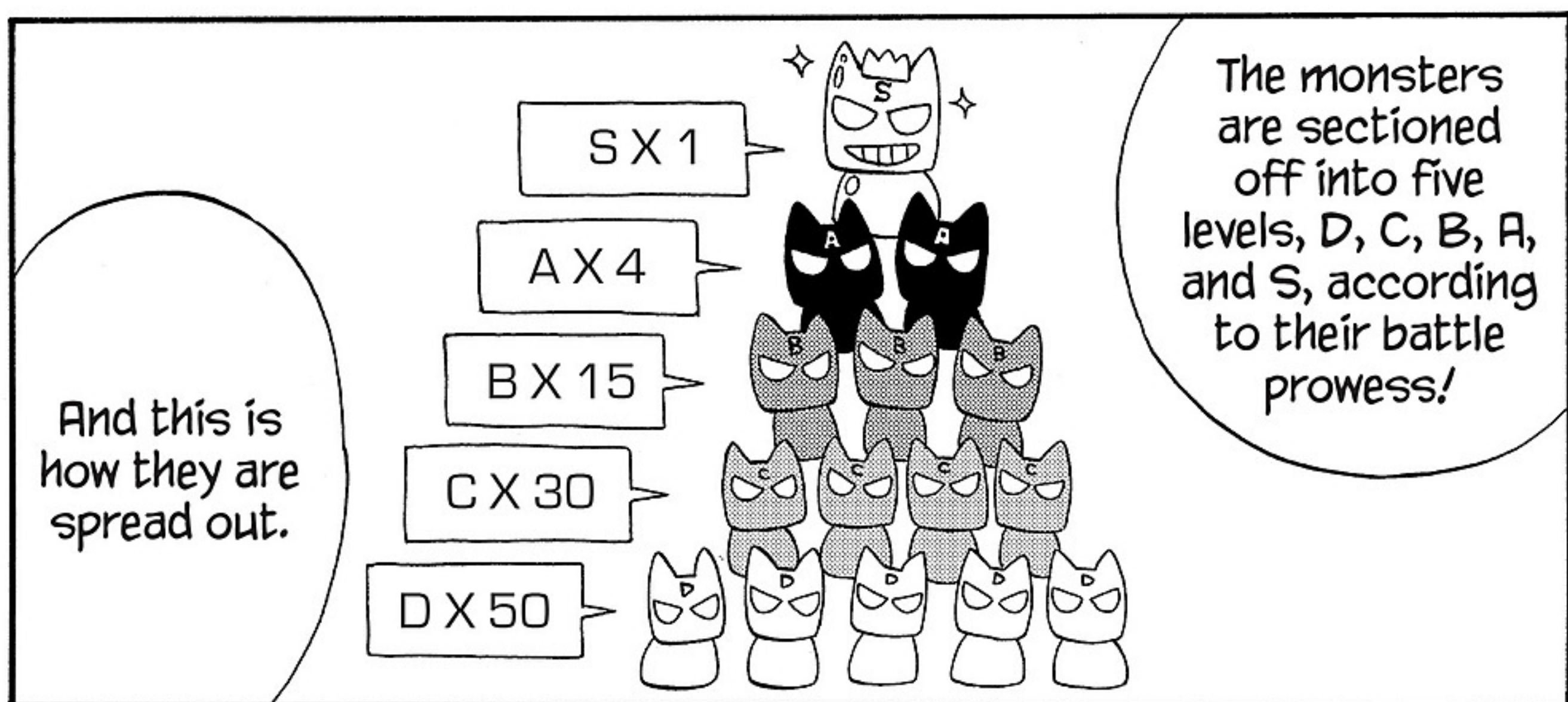
My sock...

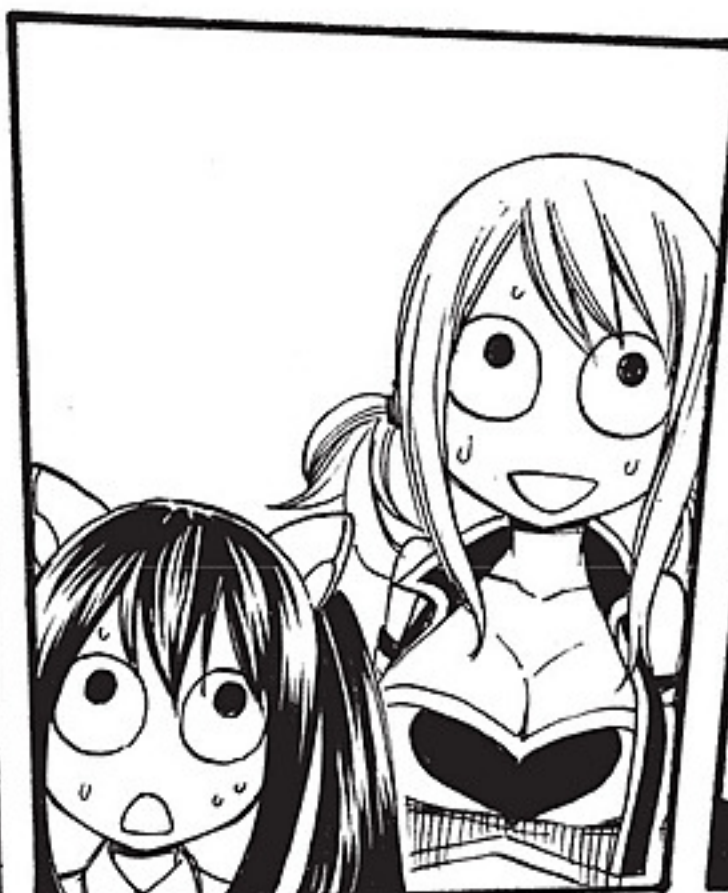
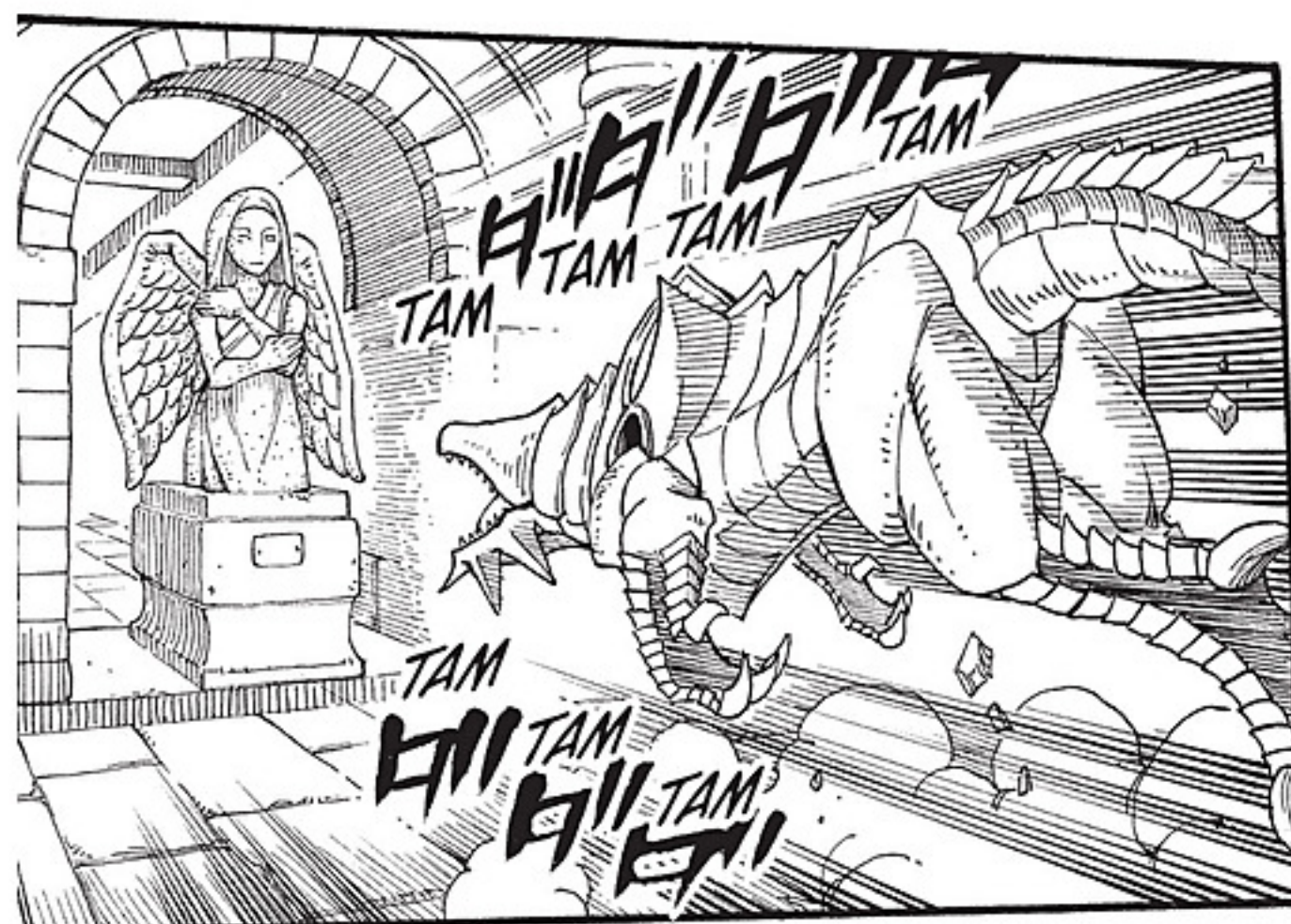
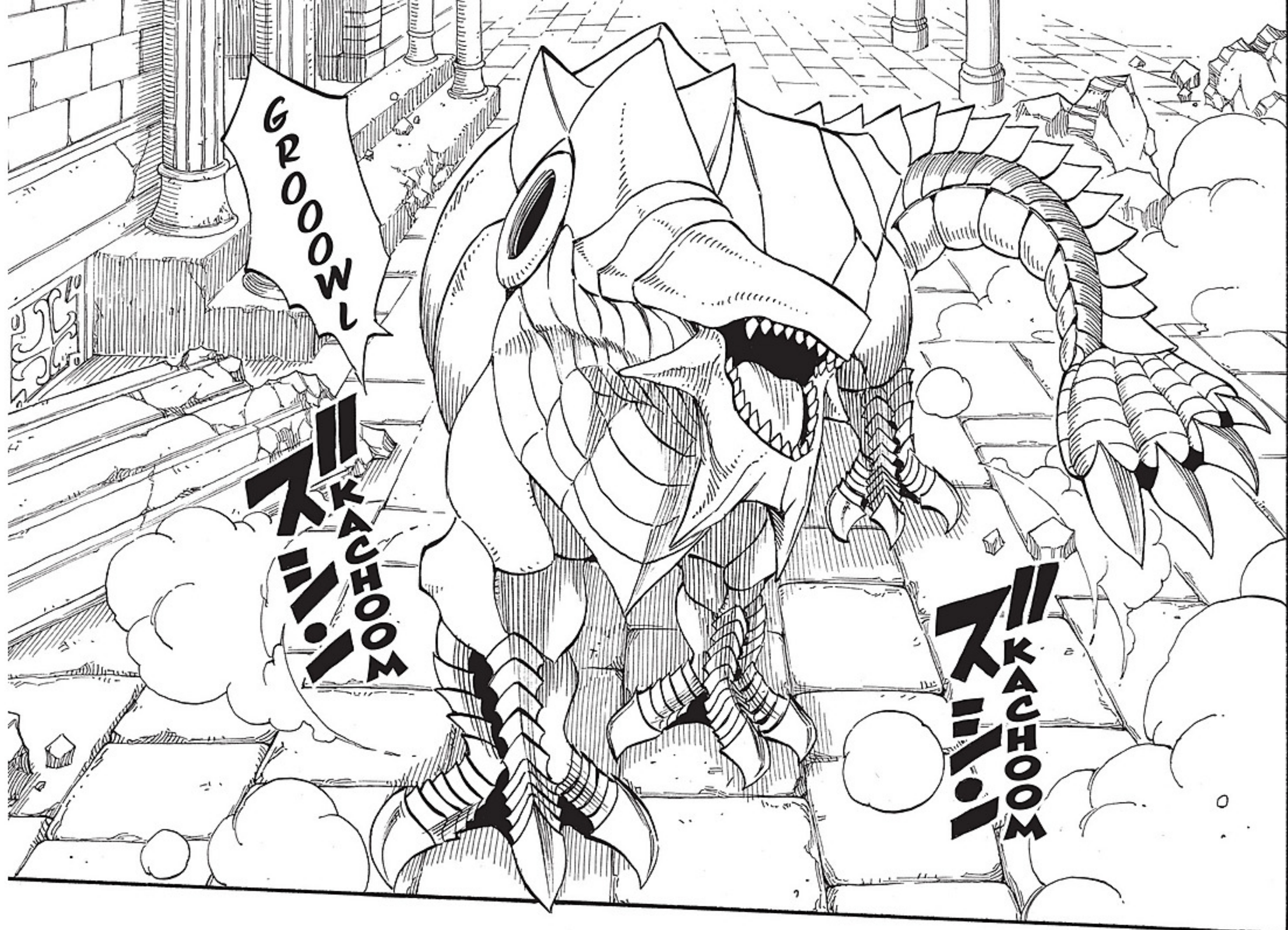
If it's Obaba's order, we have no choice.

Jura-san's going out there?

Just buy a new one!

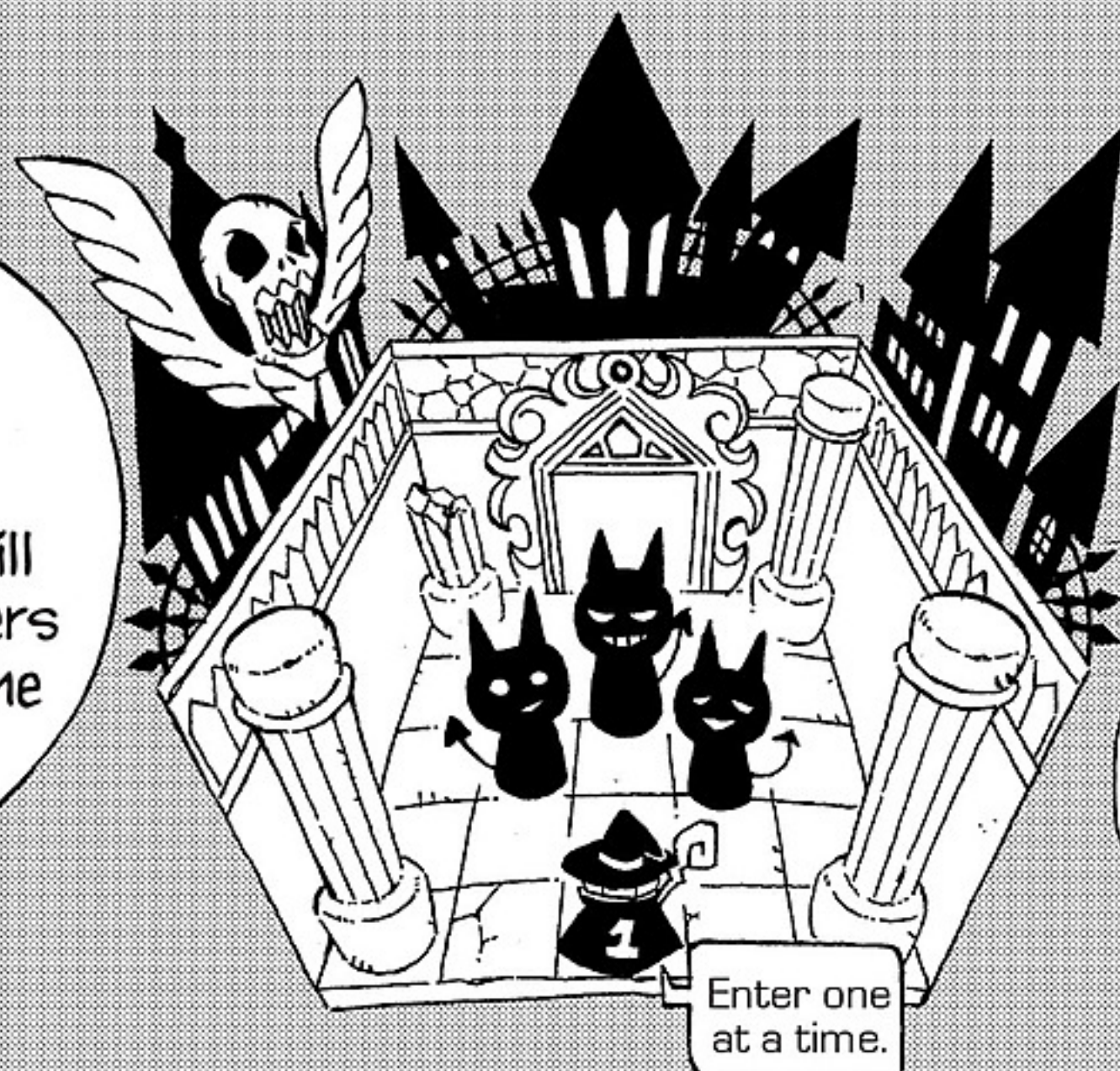








For example, if you choose to fight *three* monsters, you will find three monsters emerging from the palace gates.



You each will enter in order and decide how many monsters you will each fight.

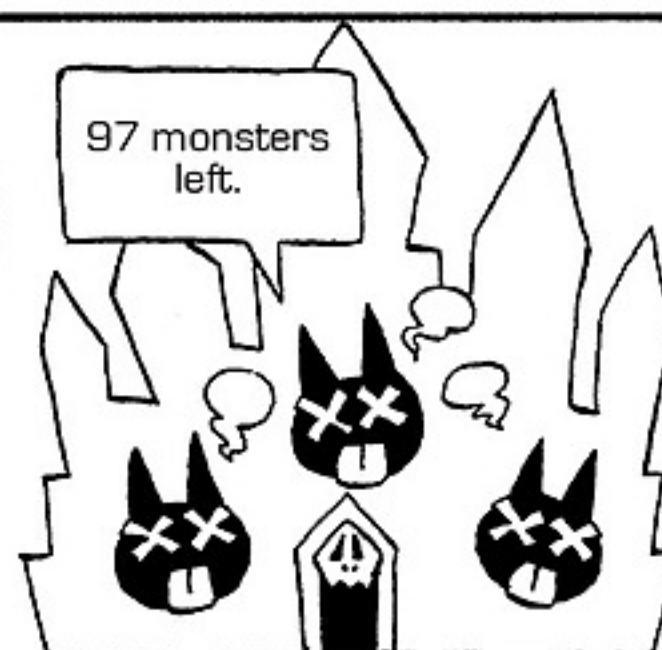
That will be *your* challenge.

We will continue this until the number of monsters left is zero, or until the contestants run out of magic, whichever comes first. Then the contest will end.

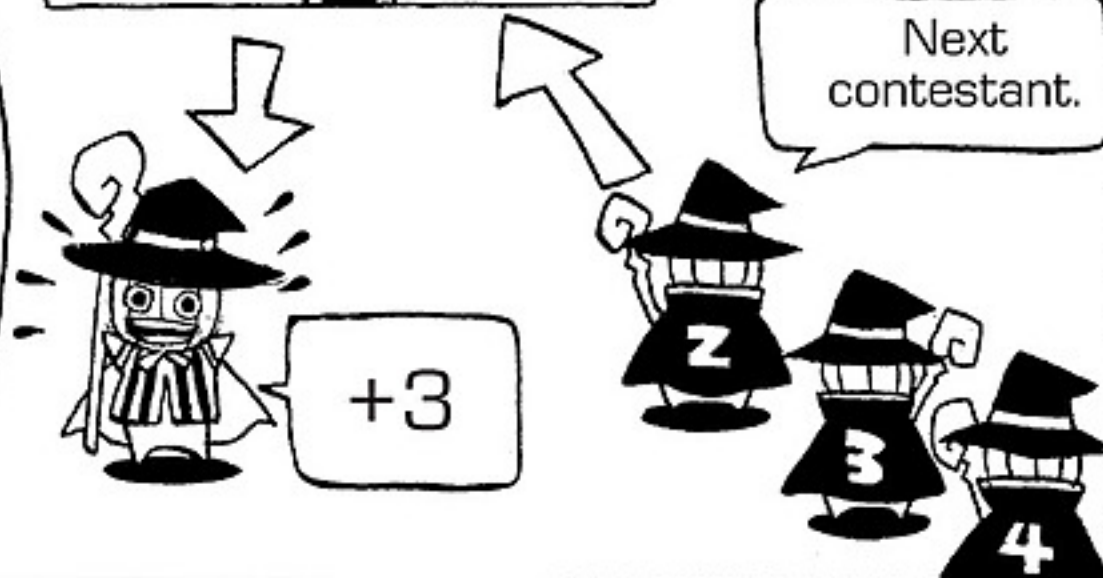


...that contestant will get three points!

Then the next contestant will choose a number out of the remaining 97 monsters to fight!



If you manage to beat all three...



Once you've submitted your choice of how many monsters, it doesn't matter if it's as *low as one* or as *high as five*, the monsters appear at random!

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But as I mentioned earlier, each monster has a rank.

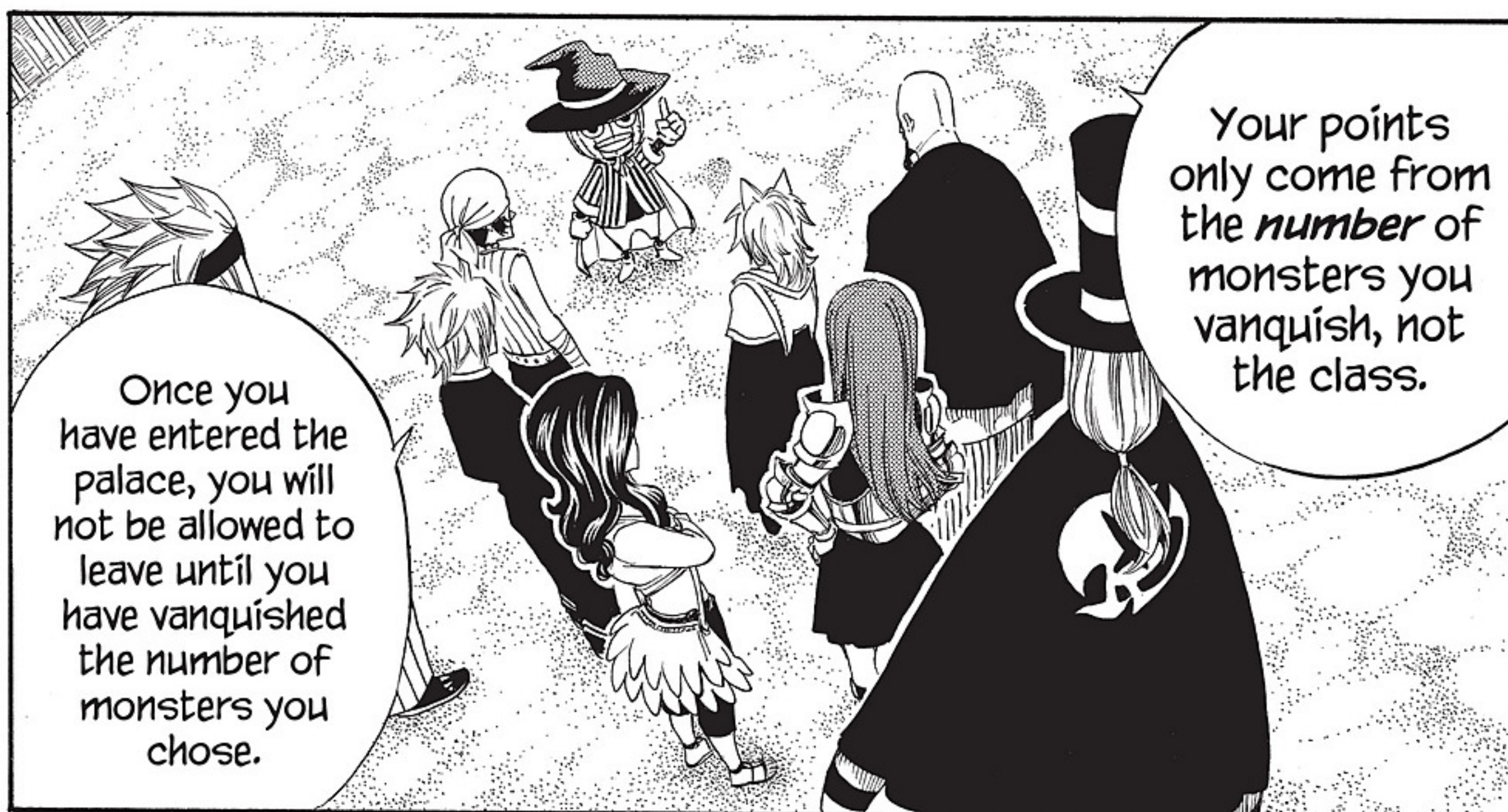
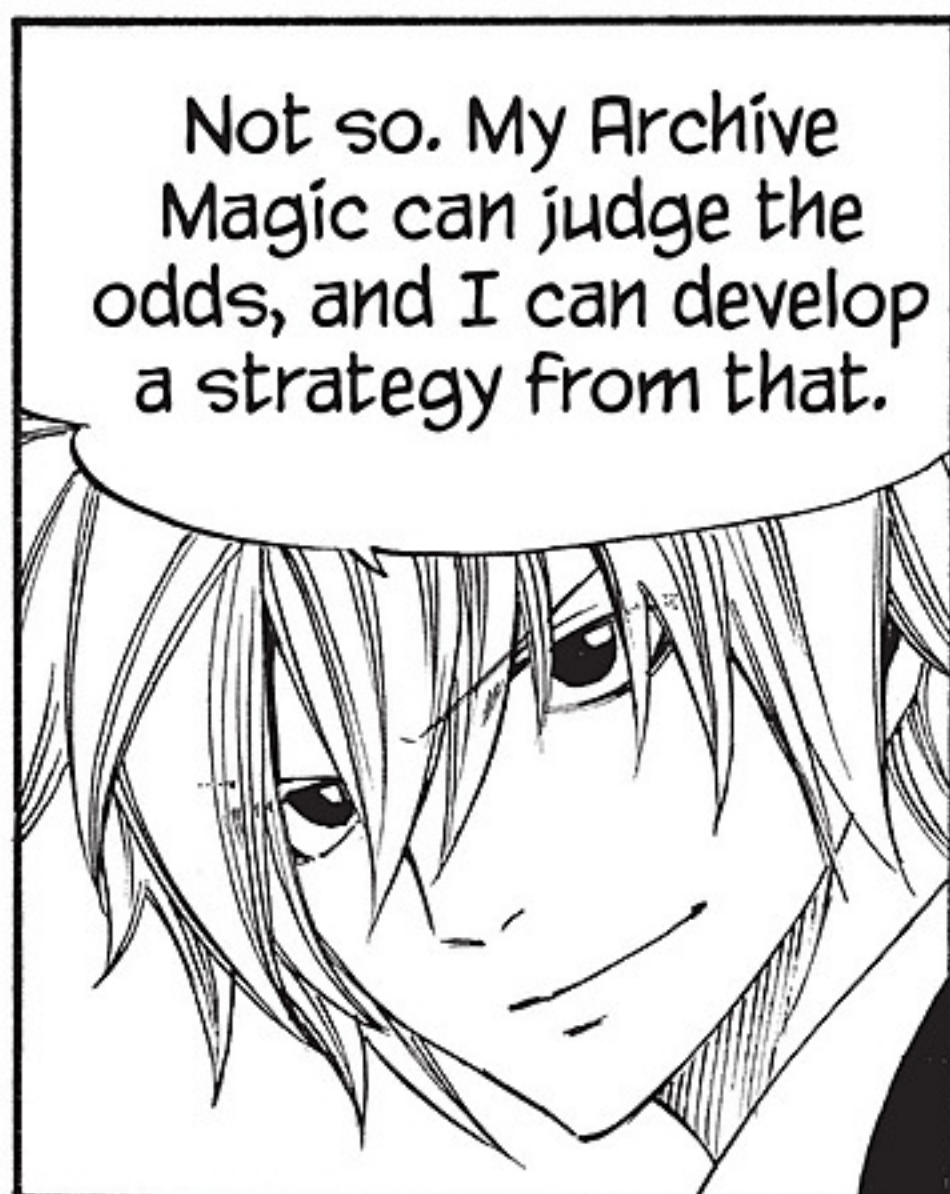
S A A
B B B



Exactly! Once you've made a complete round, it's very important to strategize based on how everyone fared.

It's like one of those numbers games!





3rd Round

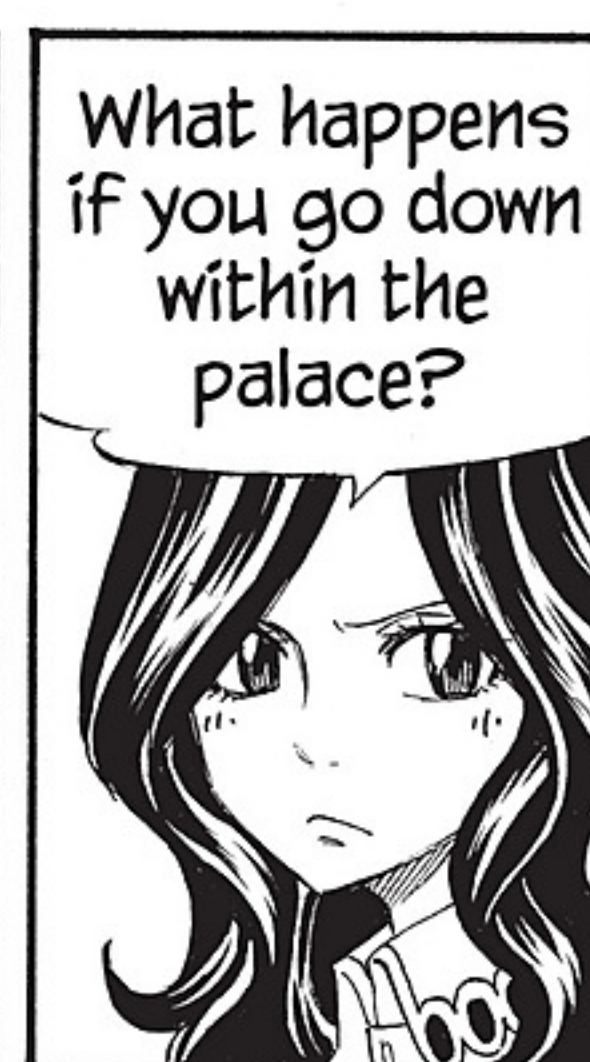
2nd Round + 3 Monsters

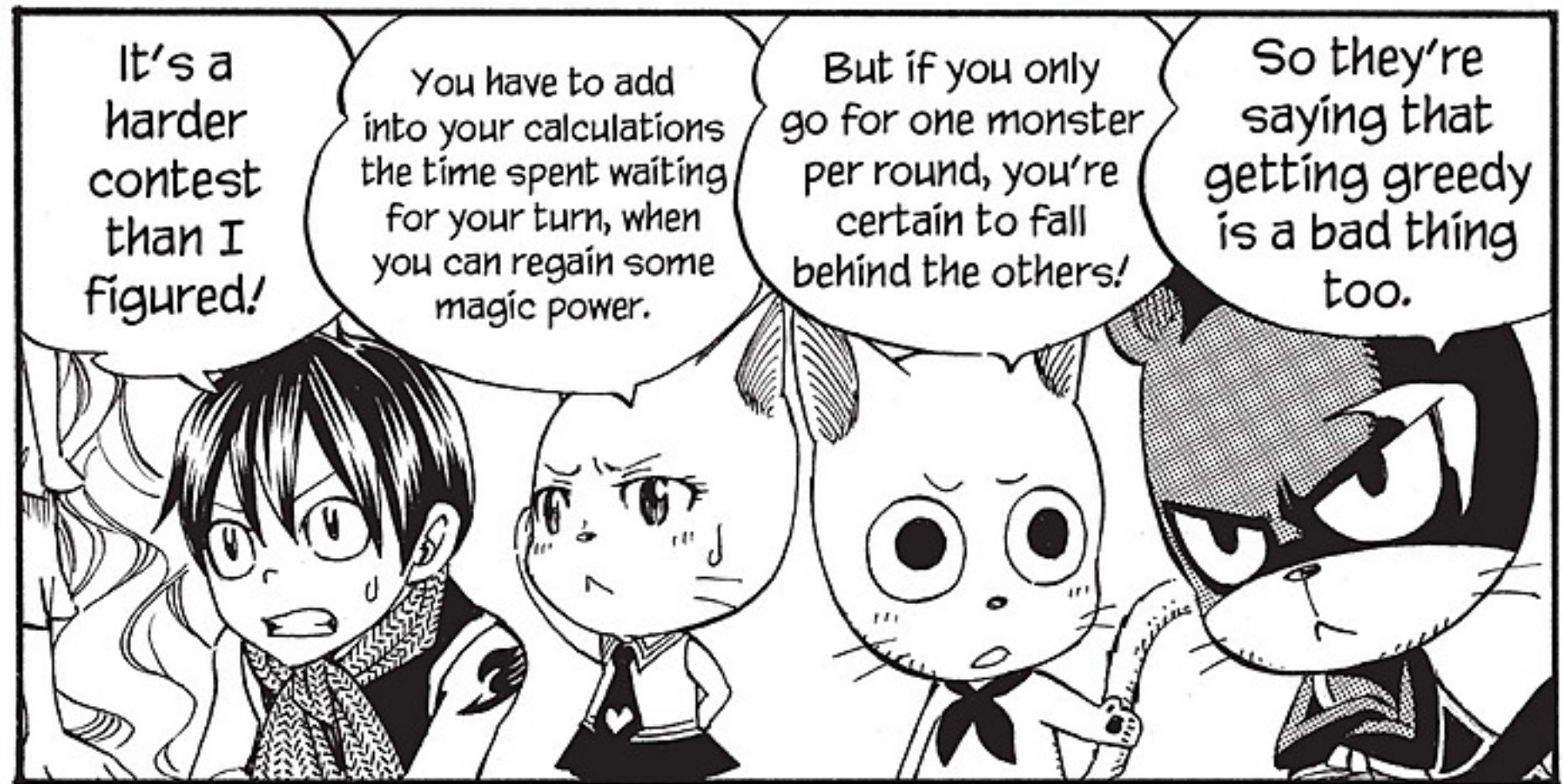
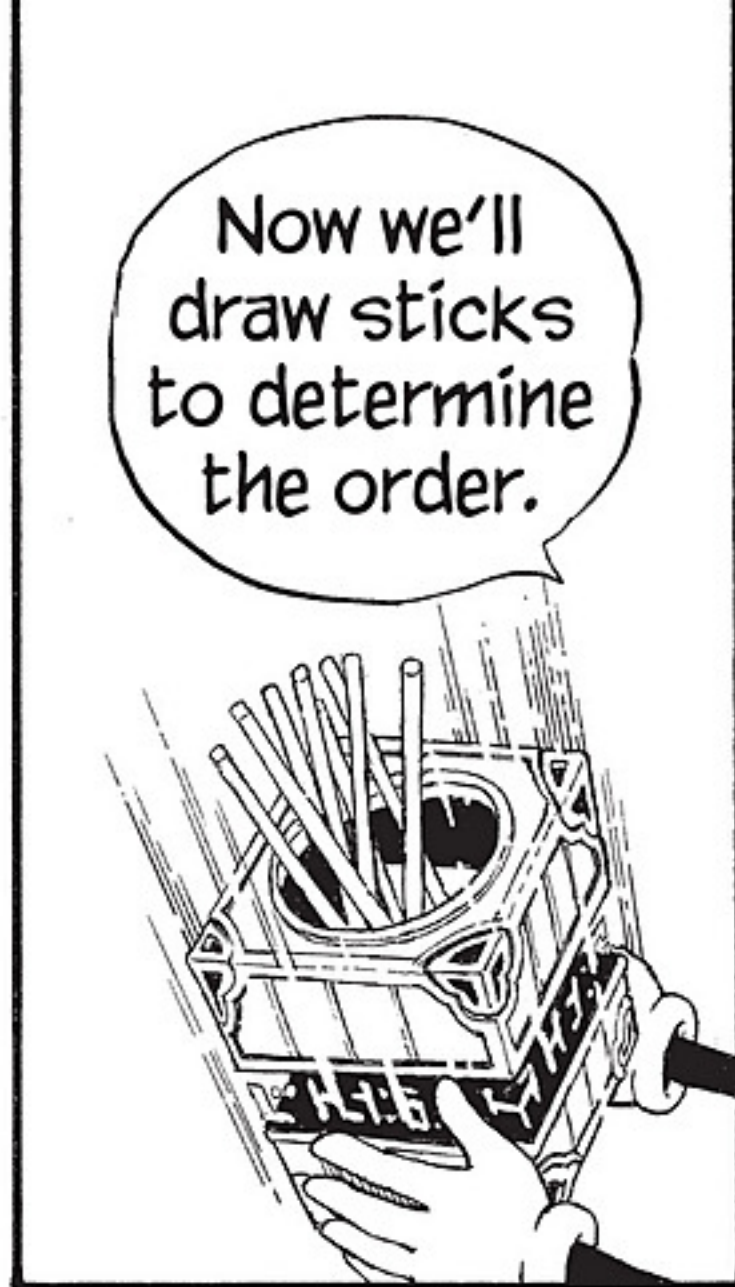
1st Round + 1 Monster

= Retired with a total of 4 monsters.

...but you will retire there with your turn never coming again, and for all later rounds, you will be counted as vanquishing zero monsters.

Then you keep the number of points that you have already earned...

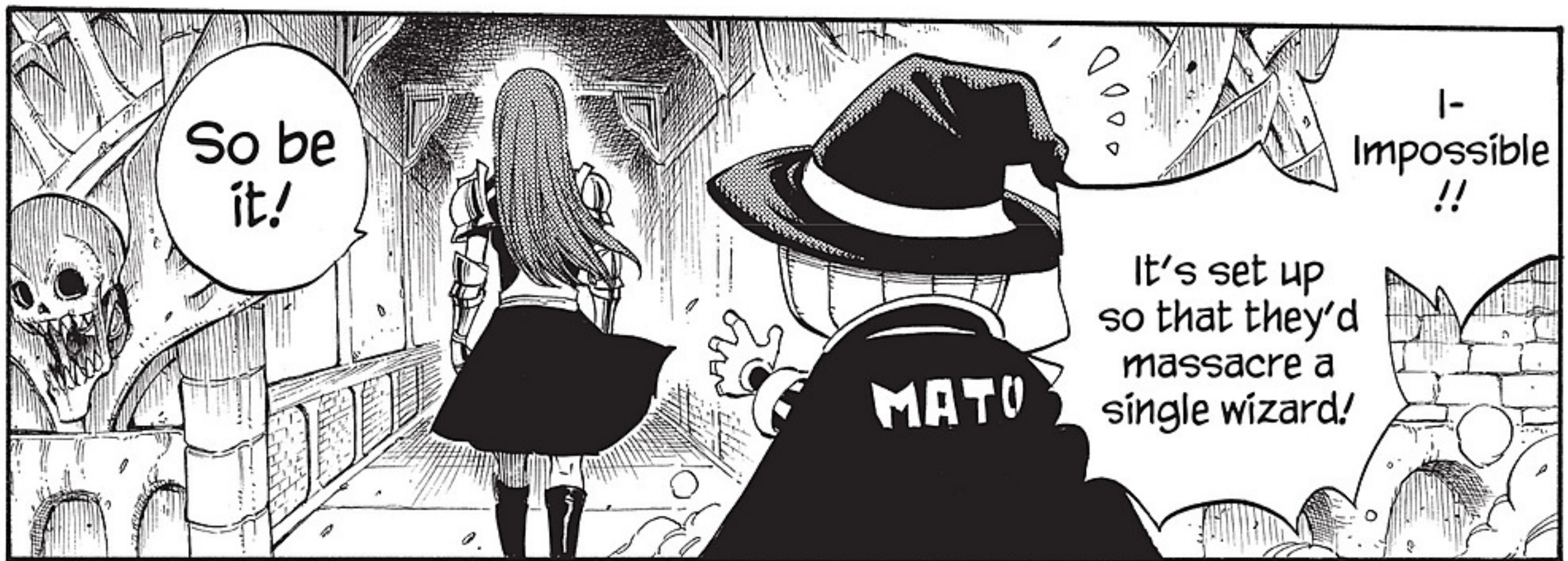
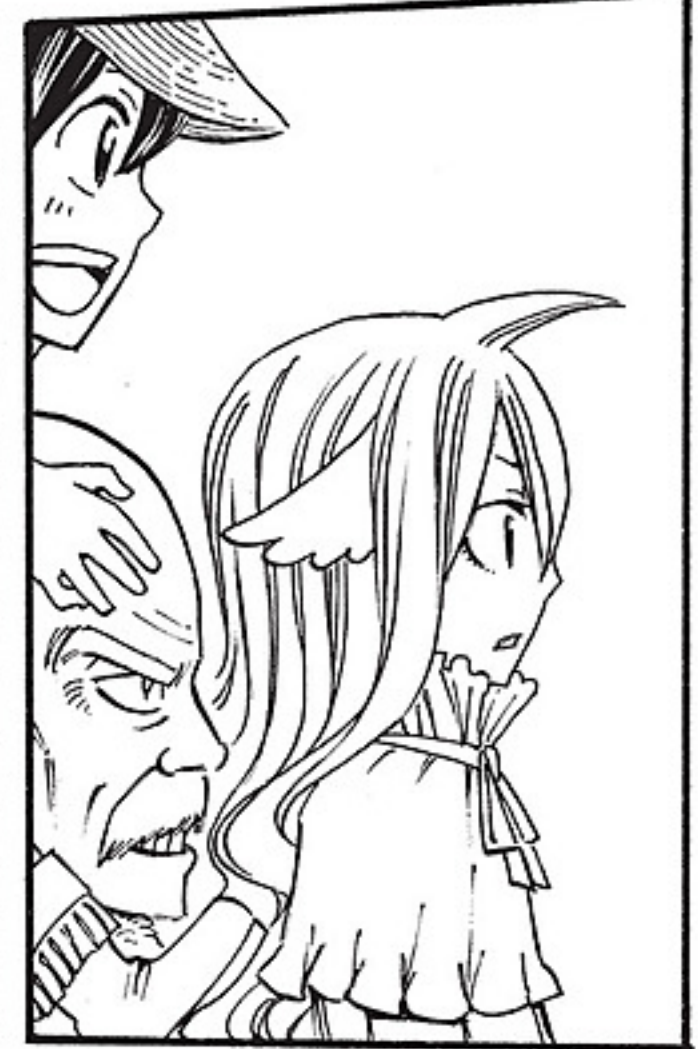
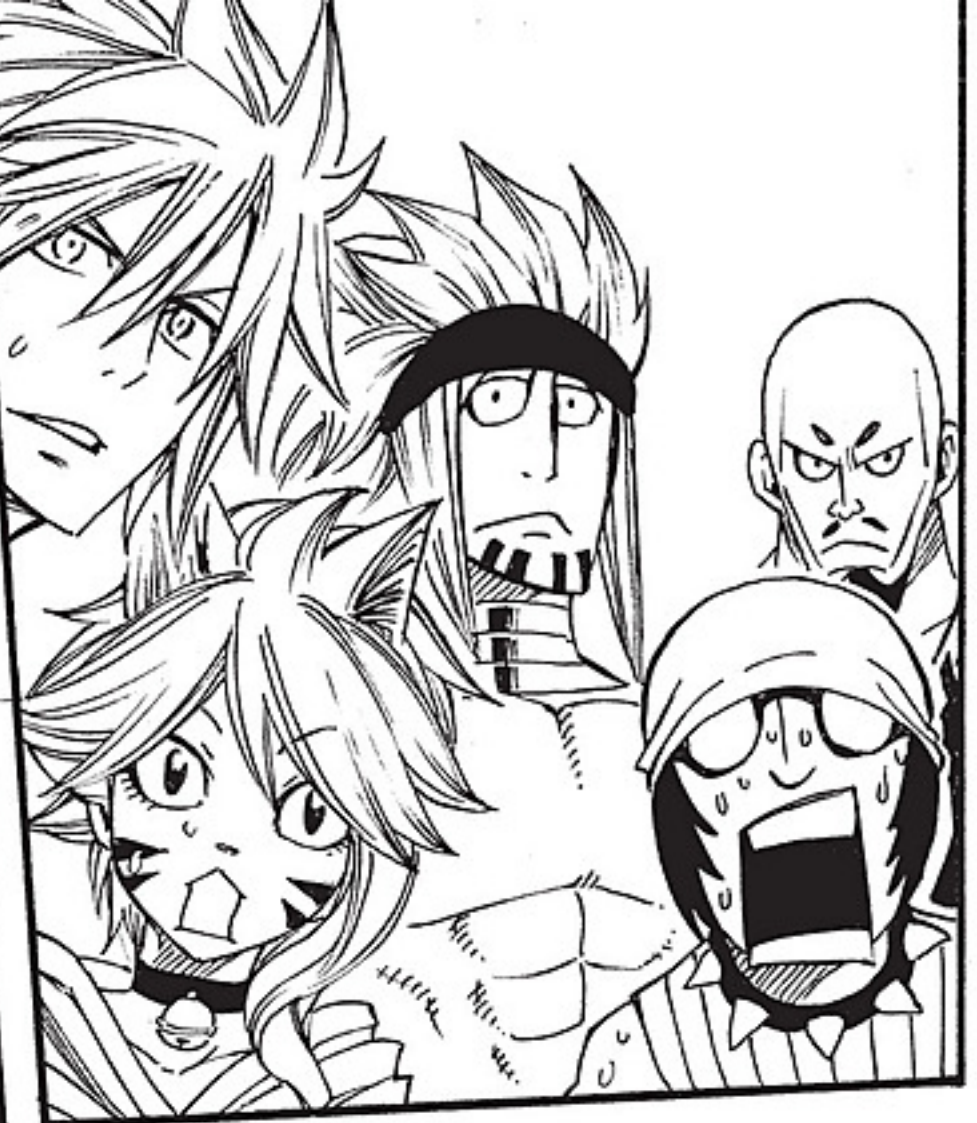
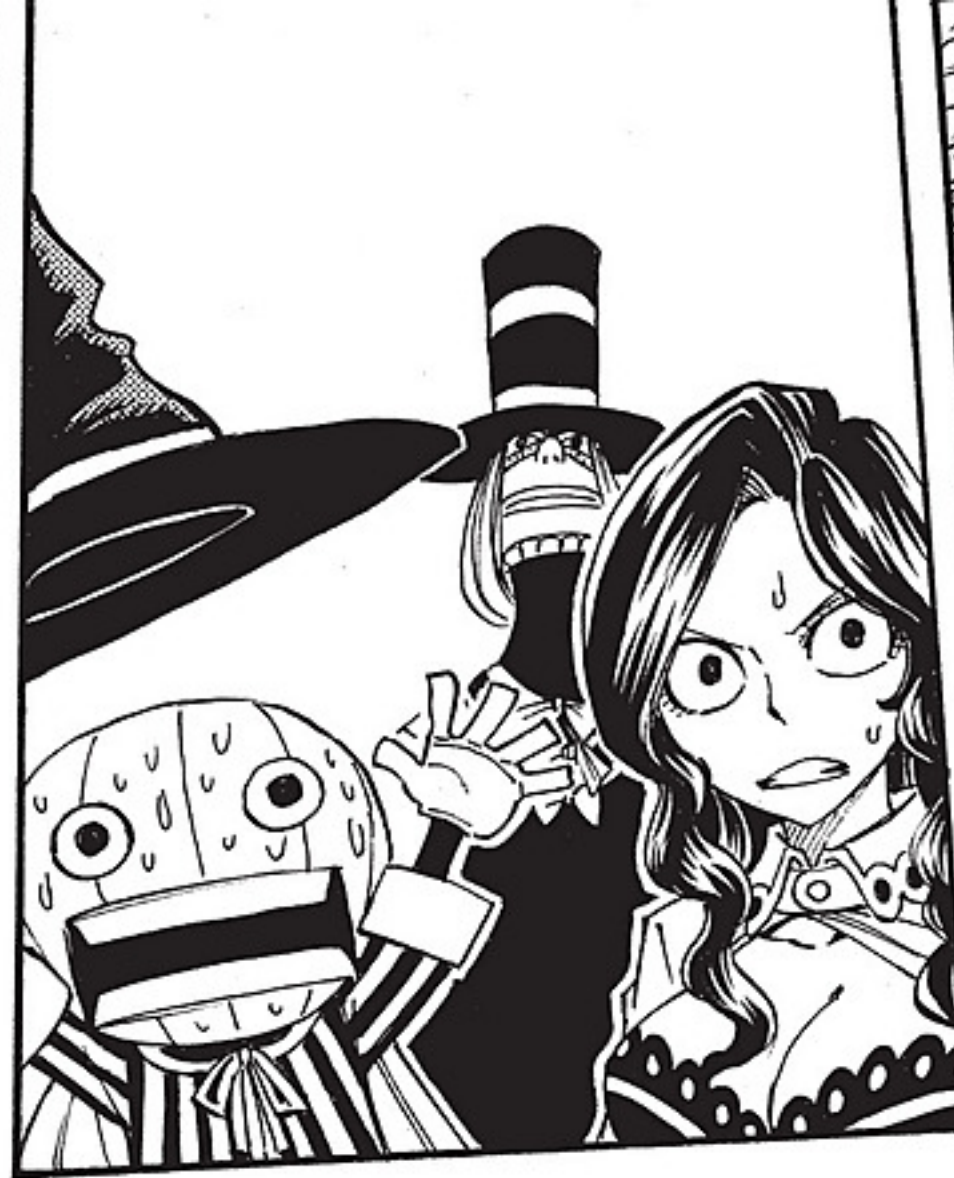


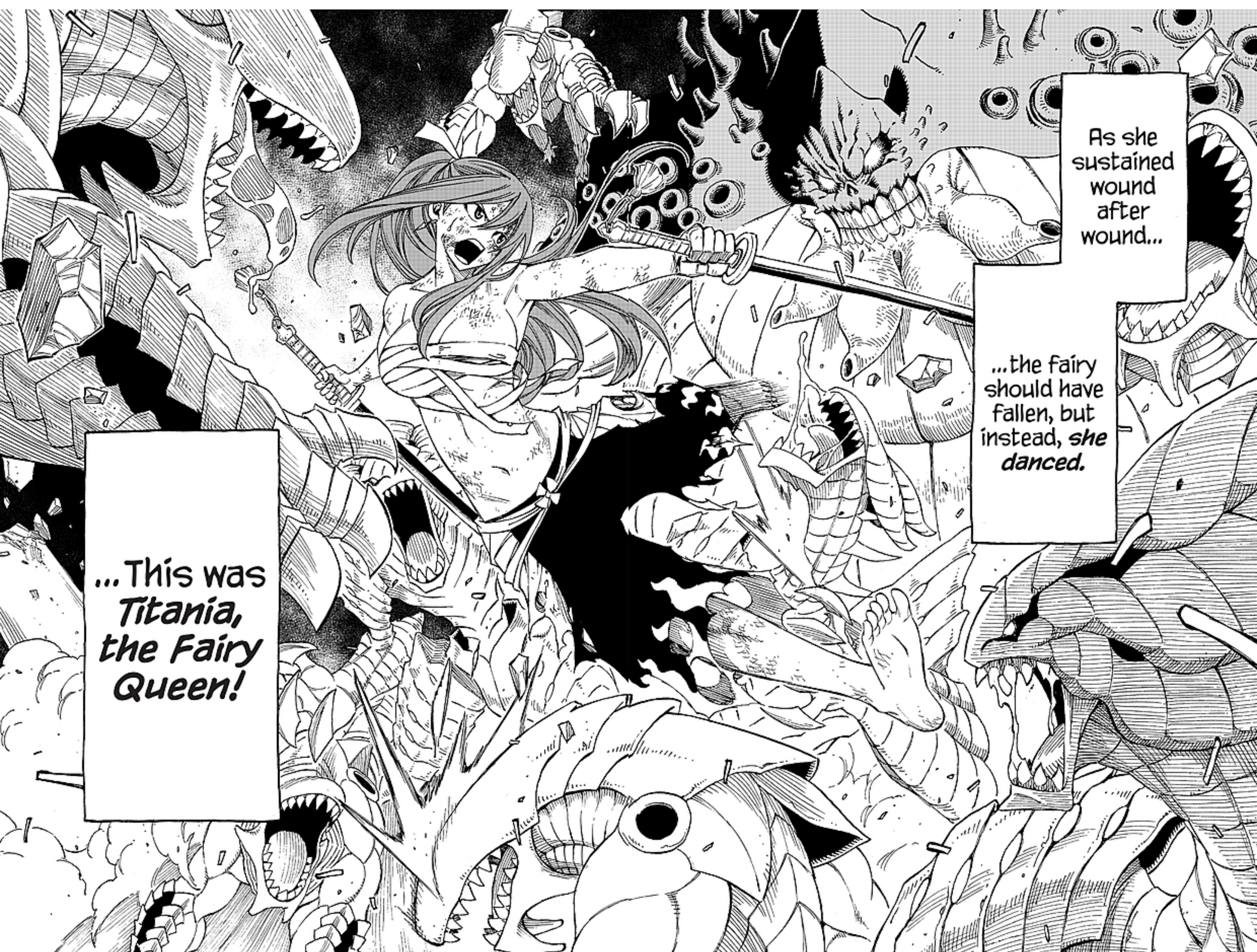


BOOM

***I will take
on all one
hundred
monsters.***

***I
choose the
number
100.***

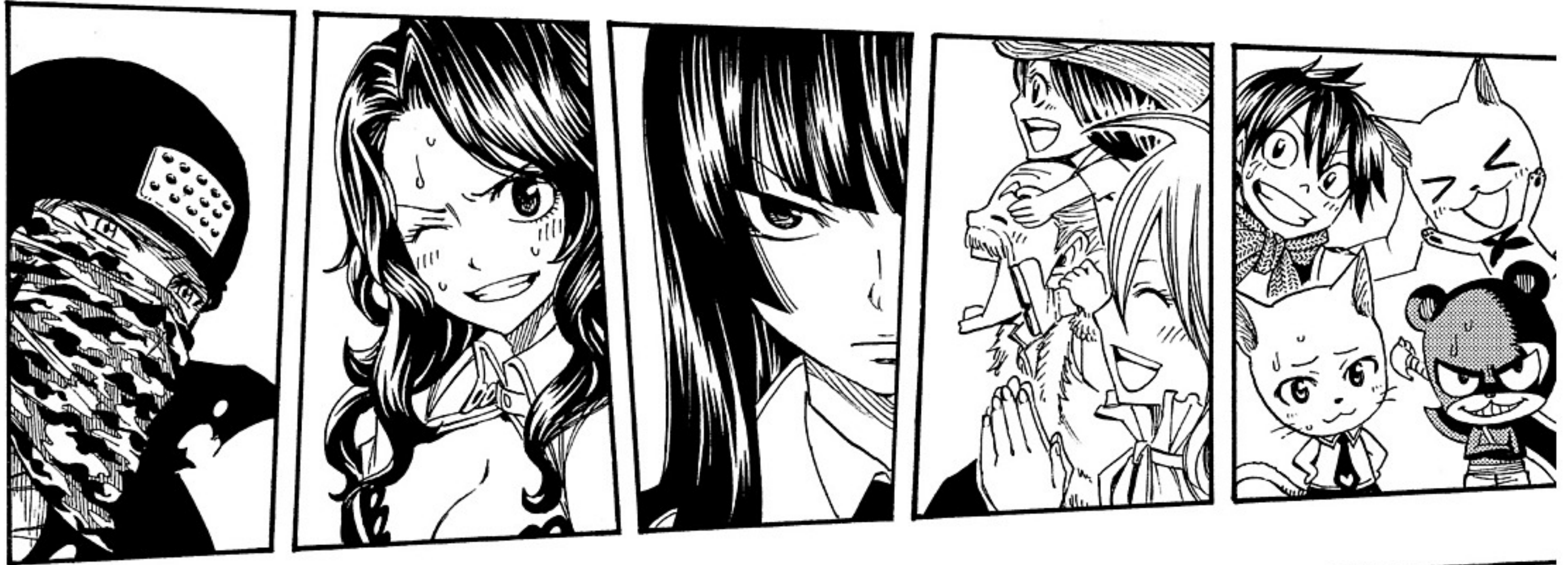


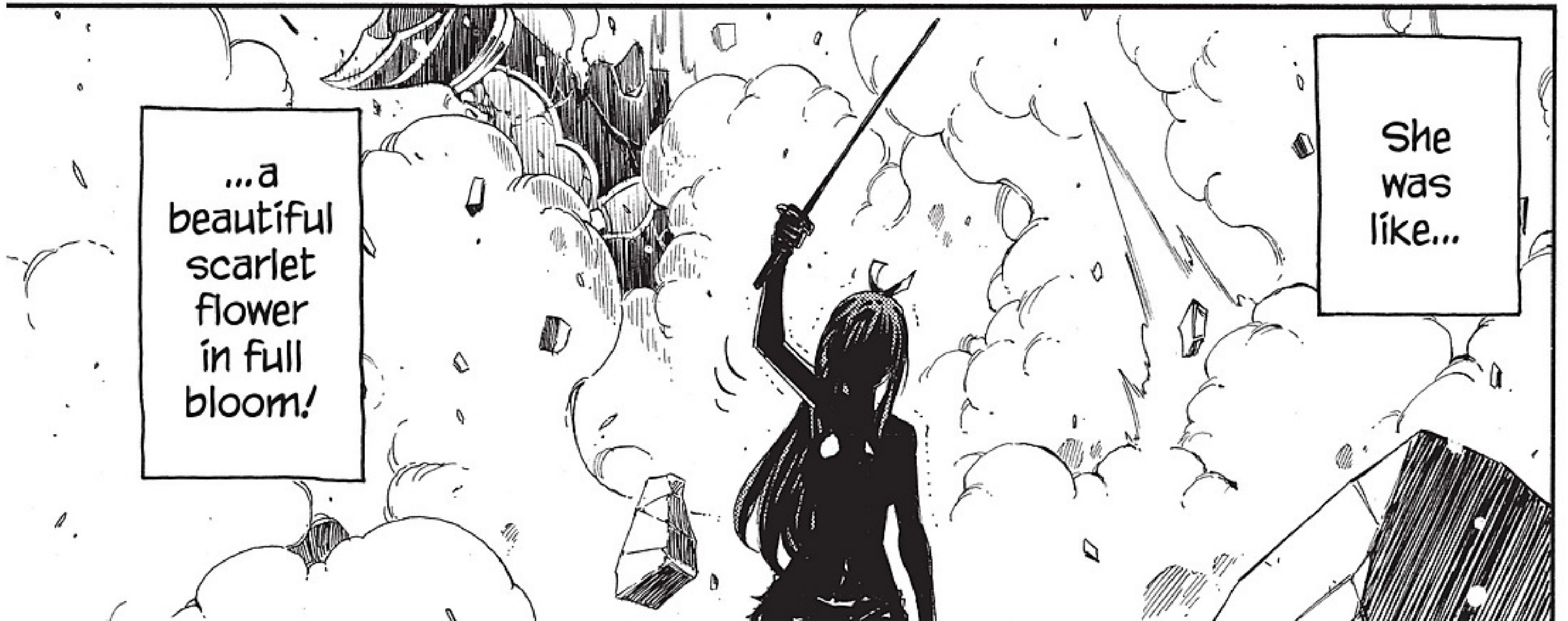
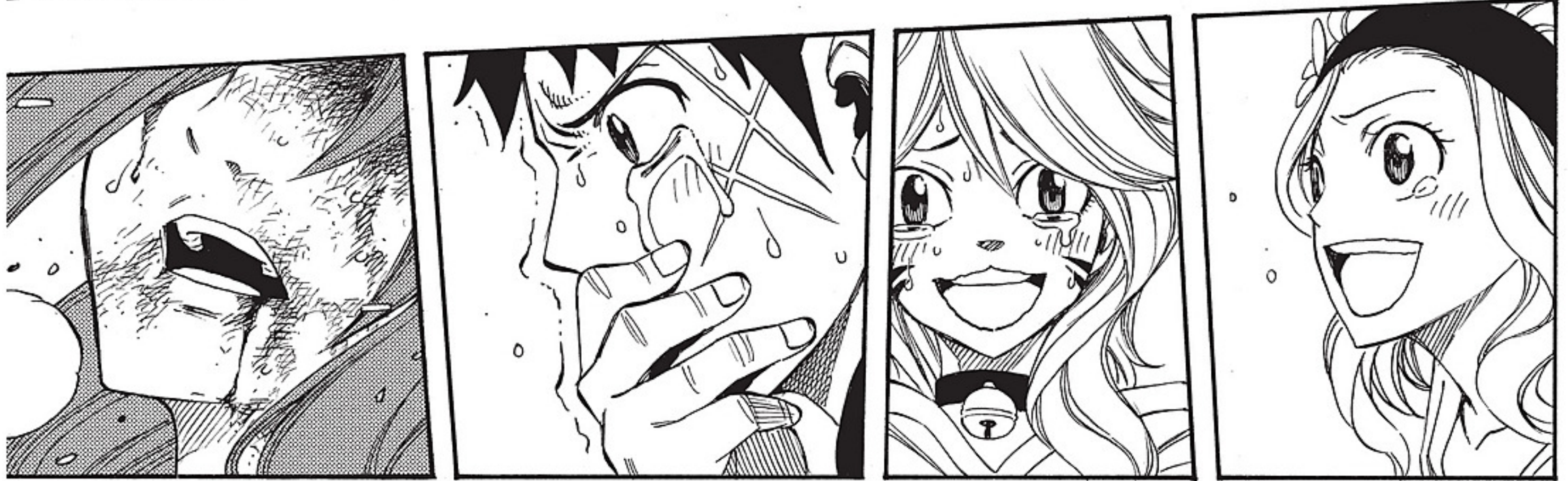
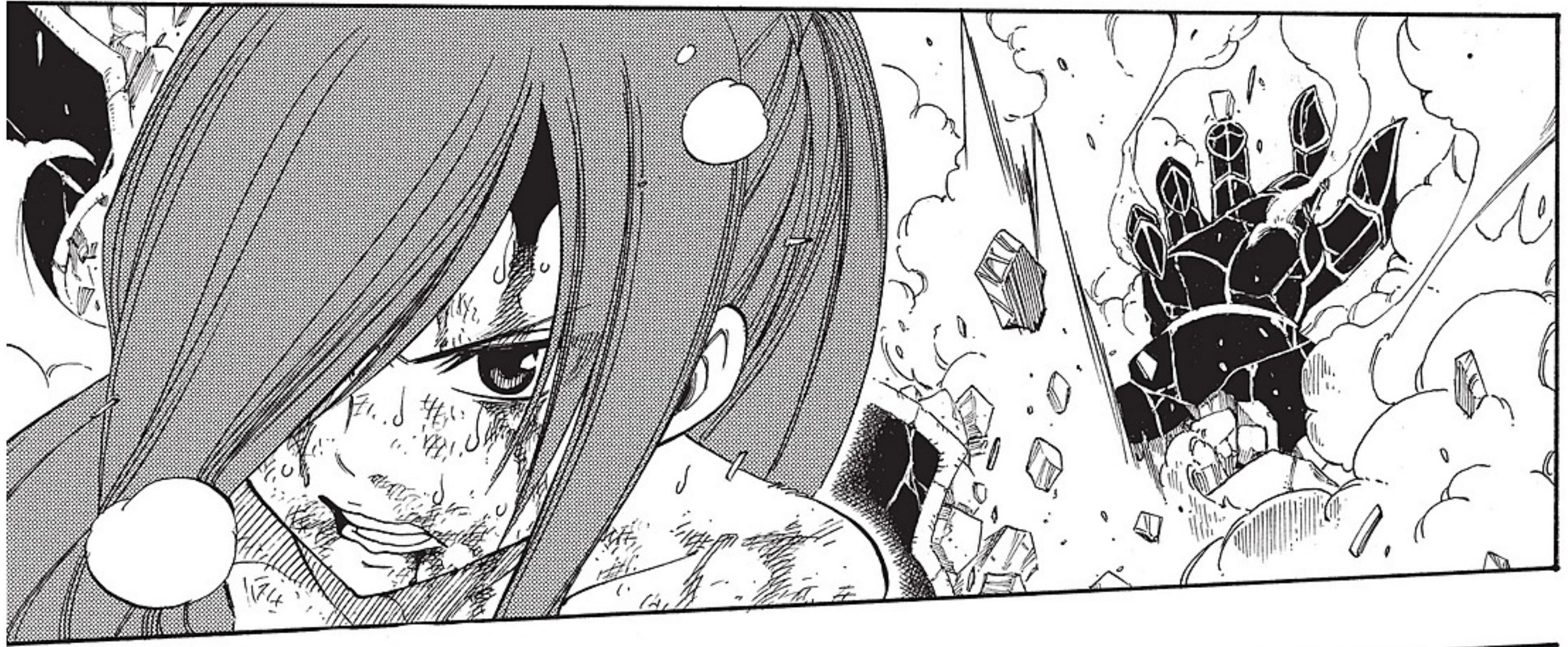
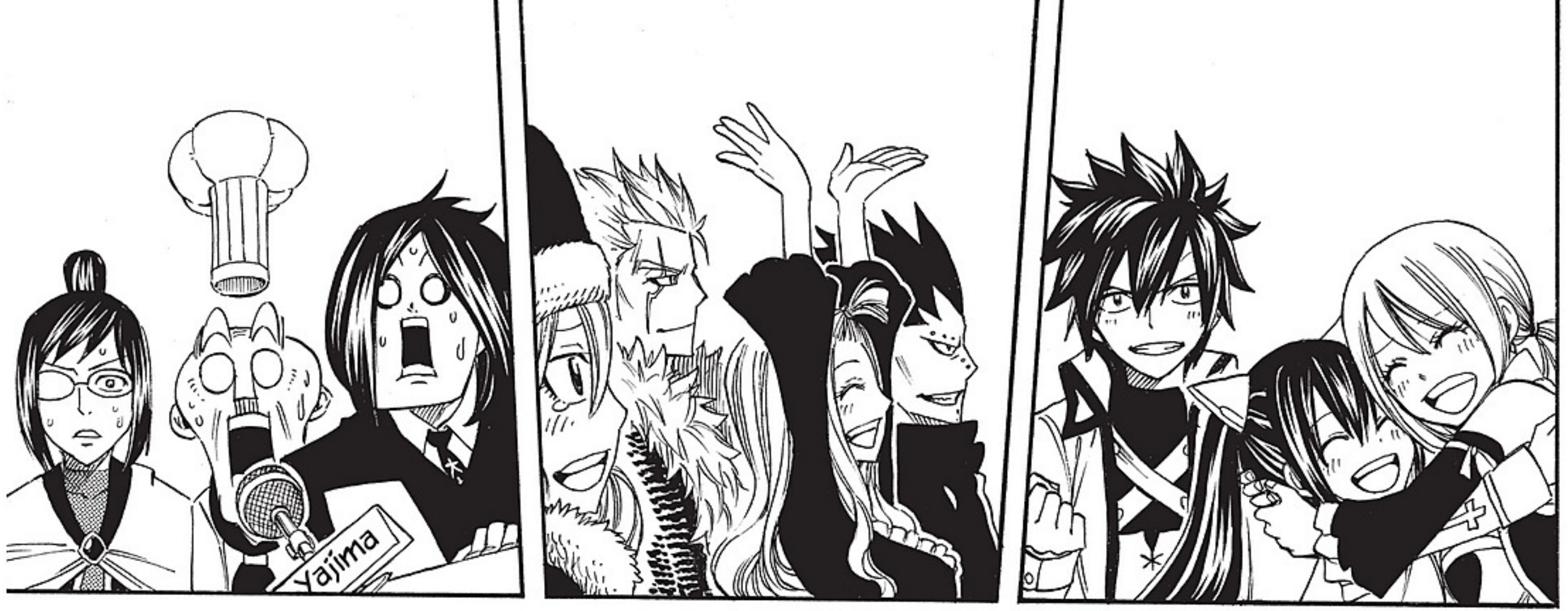


... This was
Titania,
the *Fairy*
Queen!

As she
sustained
wound
after
wound...

...the fairy
should have
fallen, but
instead, *she*
danced.







**ALL ALONE, SHE
VANQUISHED
A HUNDRED
MONSTERS. SHE
HAS CLEARED
THE ENTIRE
PALACE!!!!**

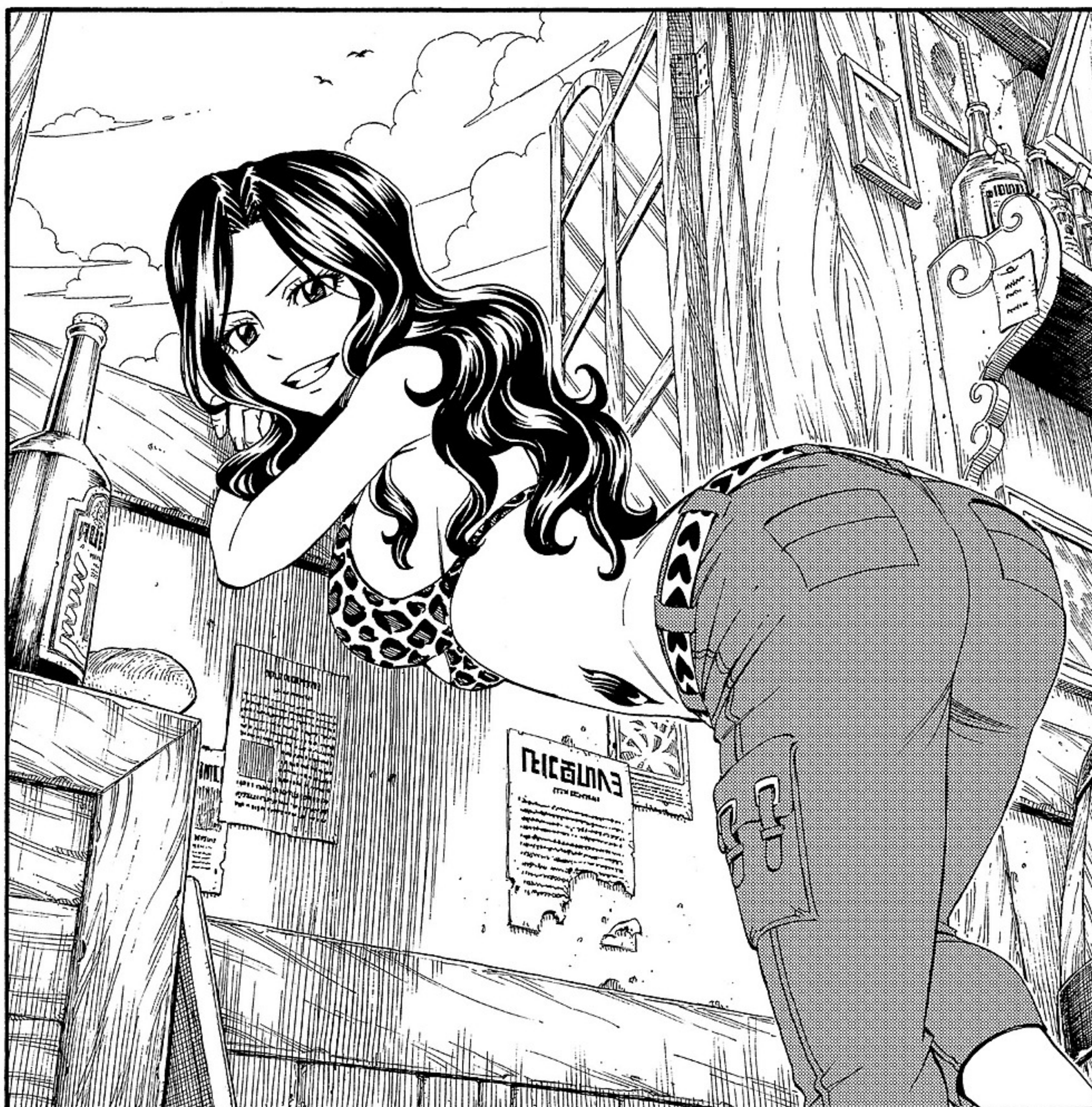
**I-I DON'T
BELIEVE MY
EYES!!!**

**IS THIS THE
TRUE POWER
OF THE GUILD
THAT, SEVEN
YEARS AGO, WAS
KNOWN AS THE
STRONGEST IN
THE LAND?!!!**

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 285: MPF





FAIRY TAIL
A WIZARD
ERZA SCARLET
TAKES AN
OVERWHELMING
WIN!!!!

A TOTAL
VICTORY THAT
NO ONE CAN
DISPUTE!!!!



Títania
the Fairy
Queen!!!

I
remember
her!

Th-
That was
amazing
!!!

She was
Fairy Tail's
most powerful
female wizard,
Erza Scarlet!

How did
she...?!



There are
no words.

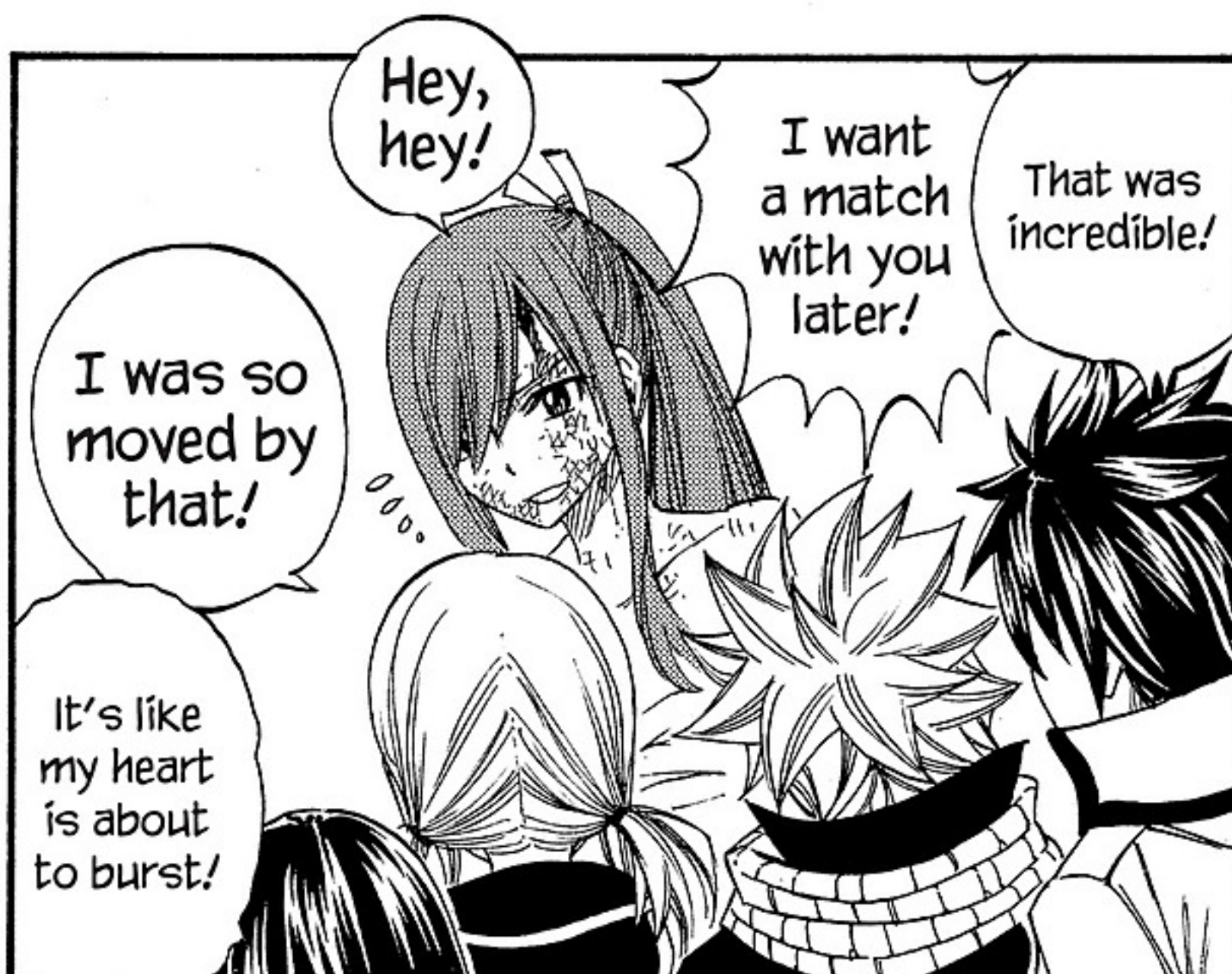
I am
totally over-
whelmed.

THE CROWD
IS STILL
CHEERING!!!

Yajima



We haven't won the Games yet!



Hey, hey!

I want a match with you later!

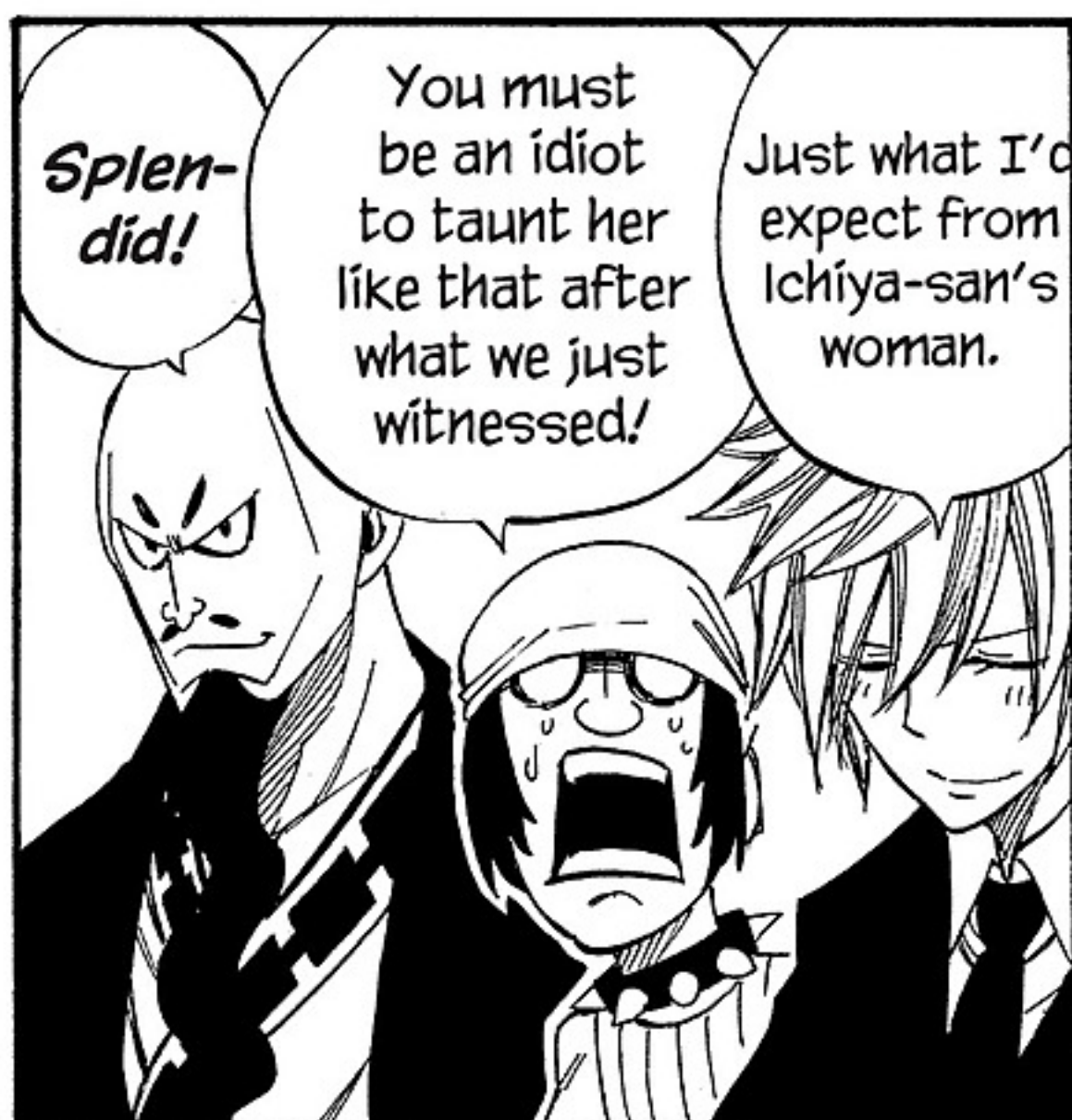
That was incredible!

I was so moved by that!

It's like my heart is about to burst!



I don't like this.



Splendid!

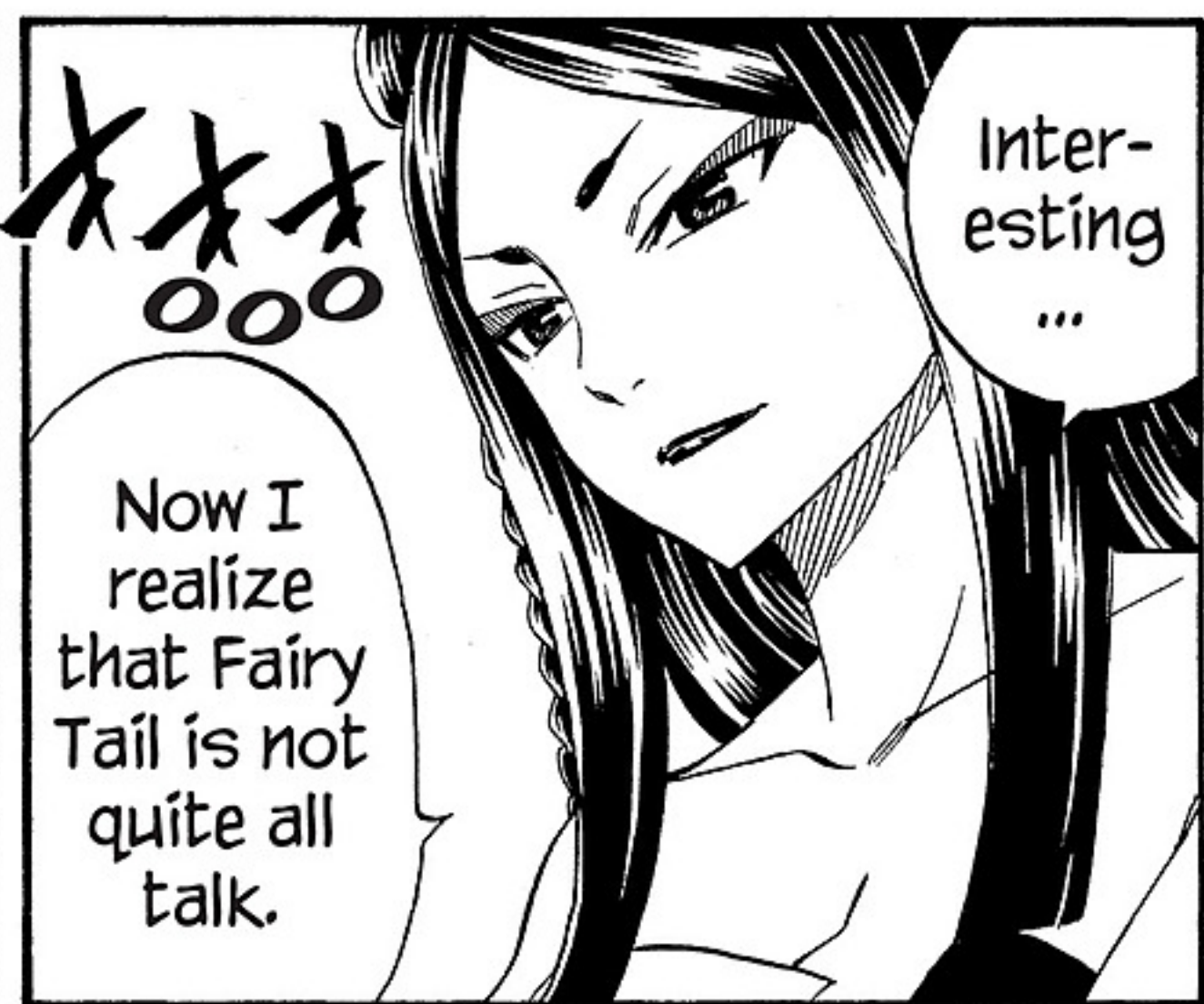
You must be an idiot to taunt her like that after what we just witnessed!

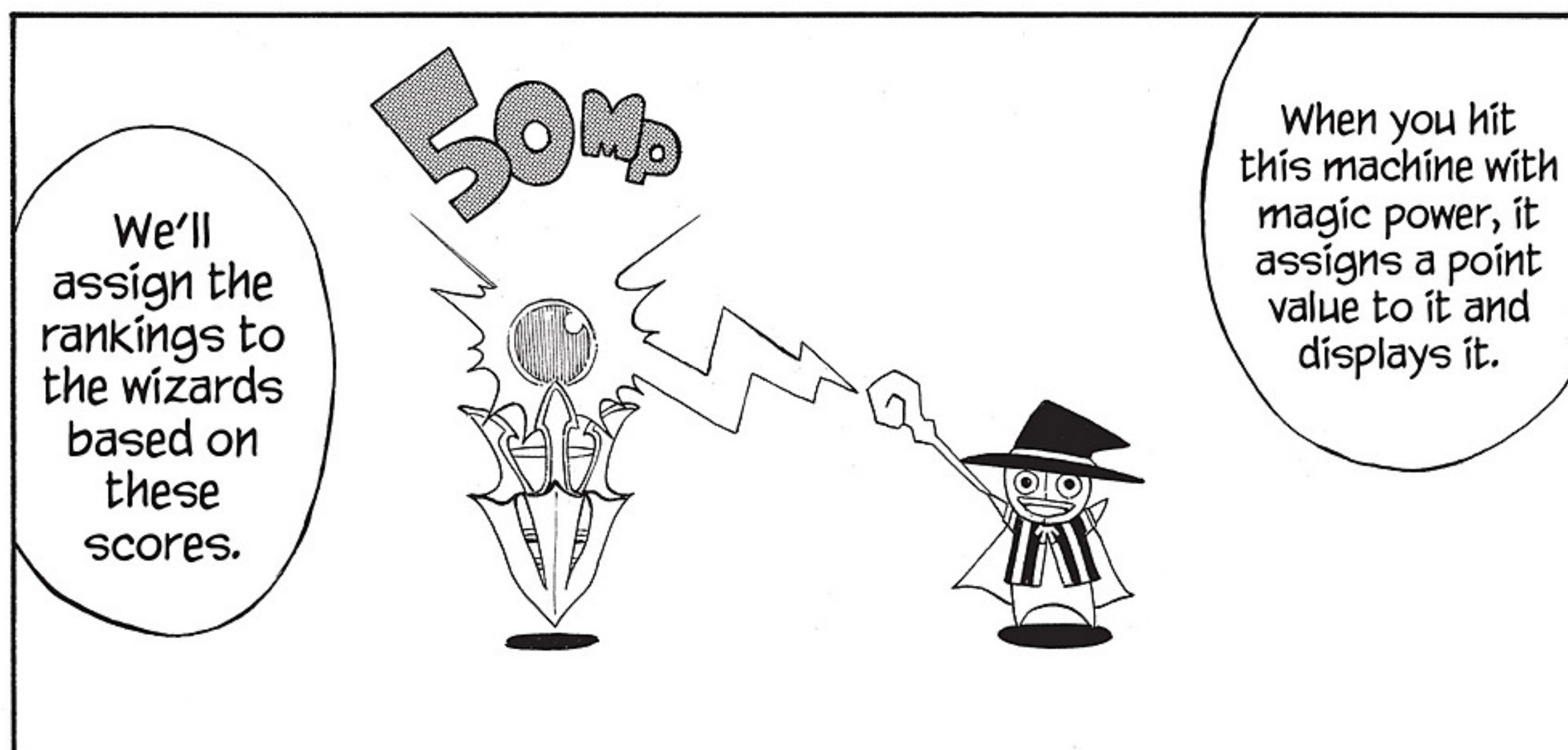
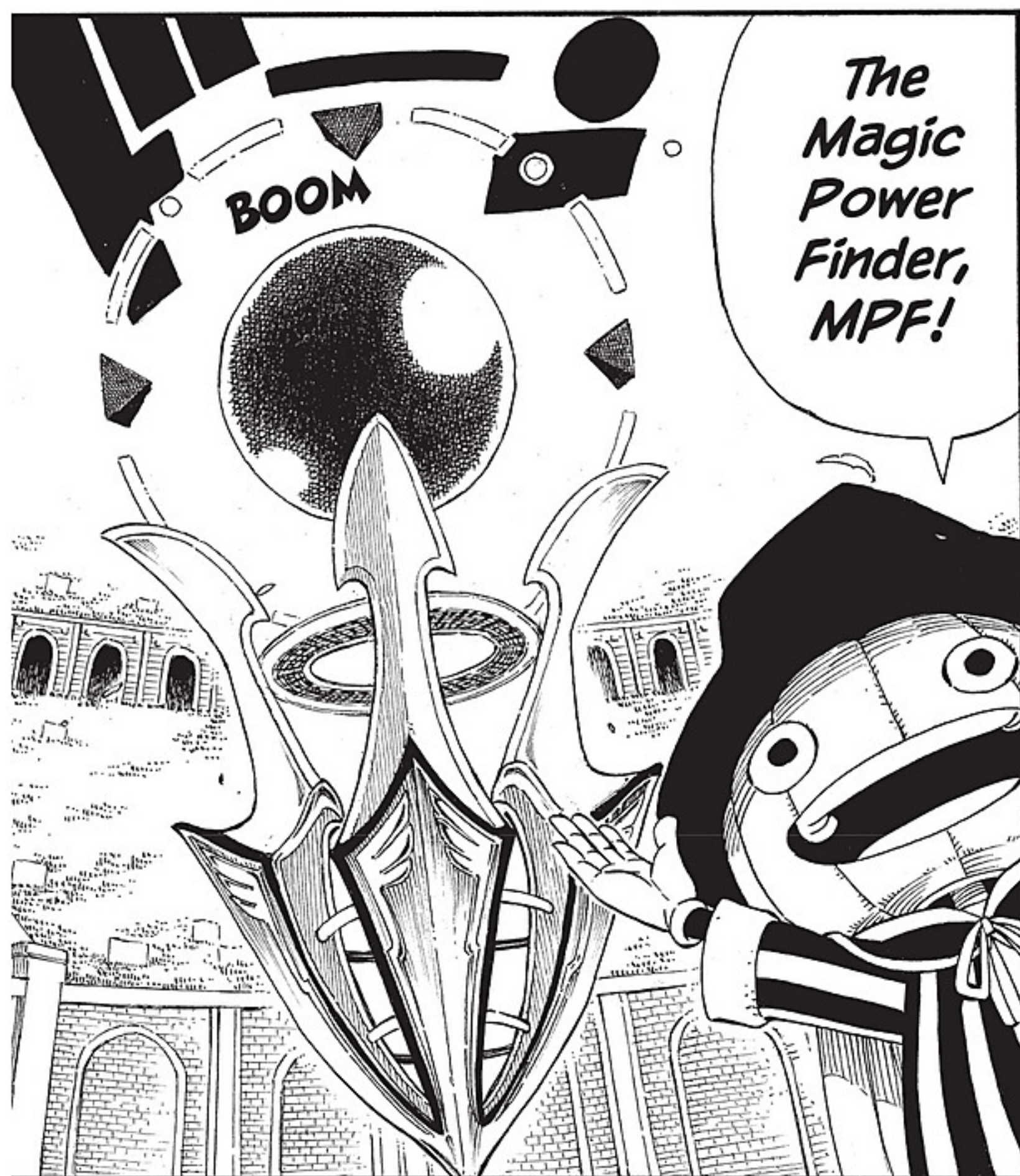
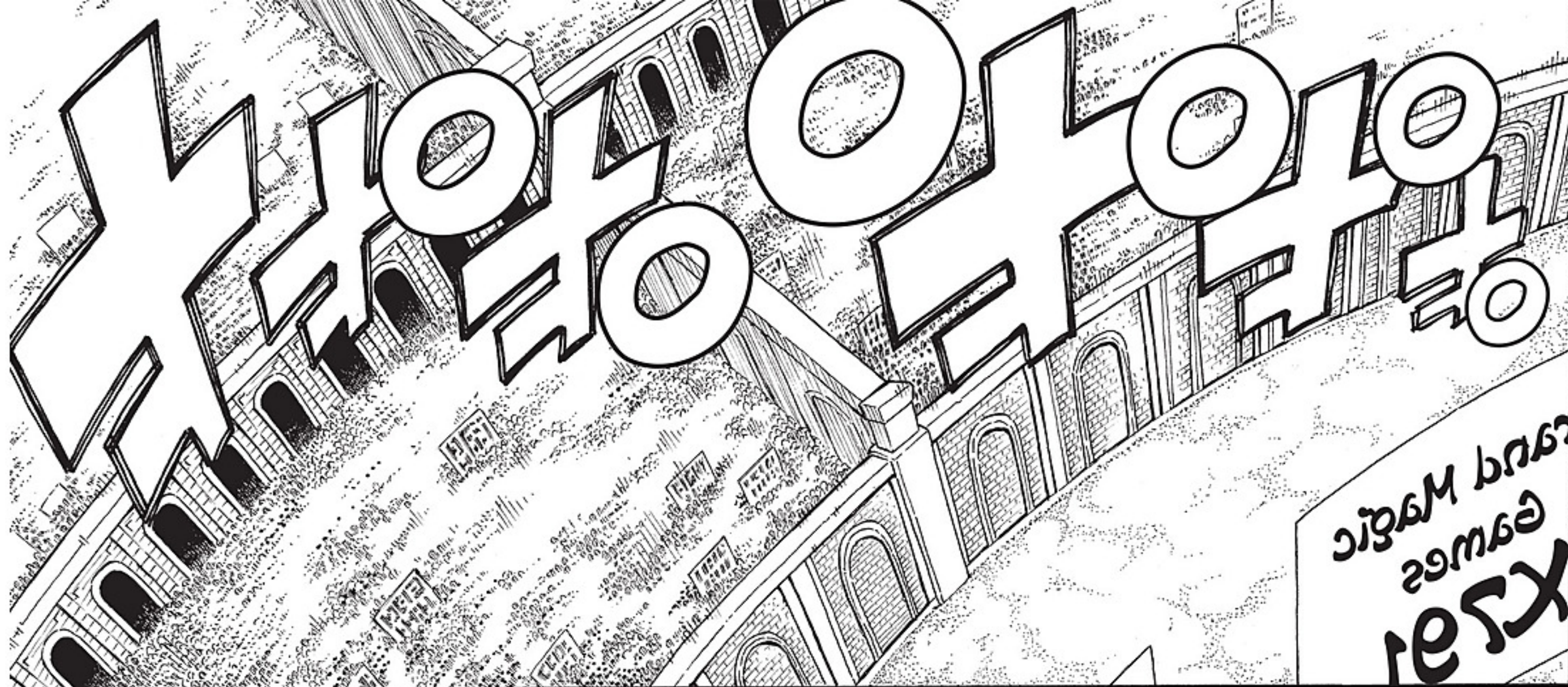
Just what I'd expect from Ichiya-san's woman.



Er-chan really is the strongest!

I can't beat her!







...Her level goes *way beyond* just drinking too much!

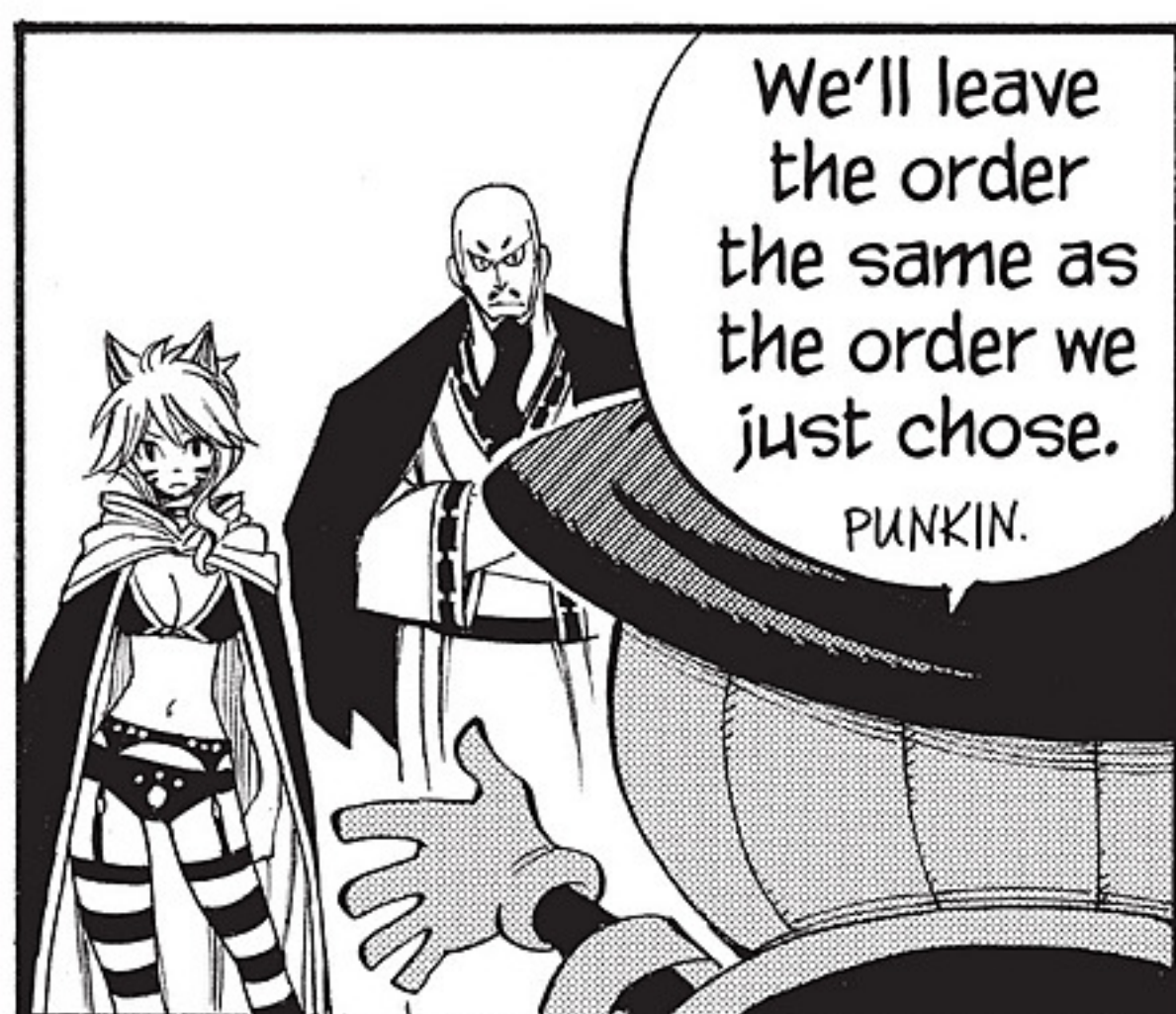
You drink too much.

I *am* free, but I'm afraid... that I won't be able to drink any more than one barrel.



By the way, Cana, are you free this evening?

A simple test of magical power, hm...? I'm afraid I am at a slight disadvantage here.



We'll leave the order the same as the order we just chose.
PUNKIN.



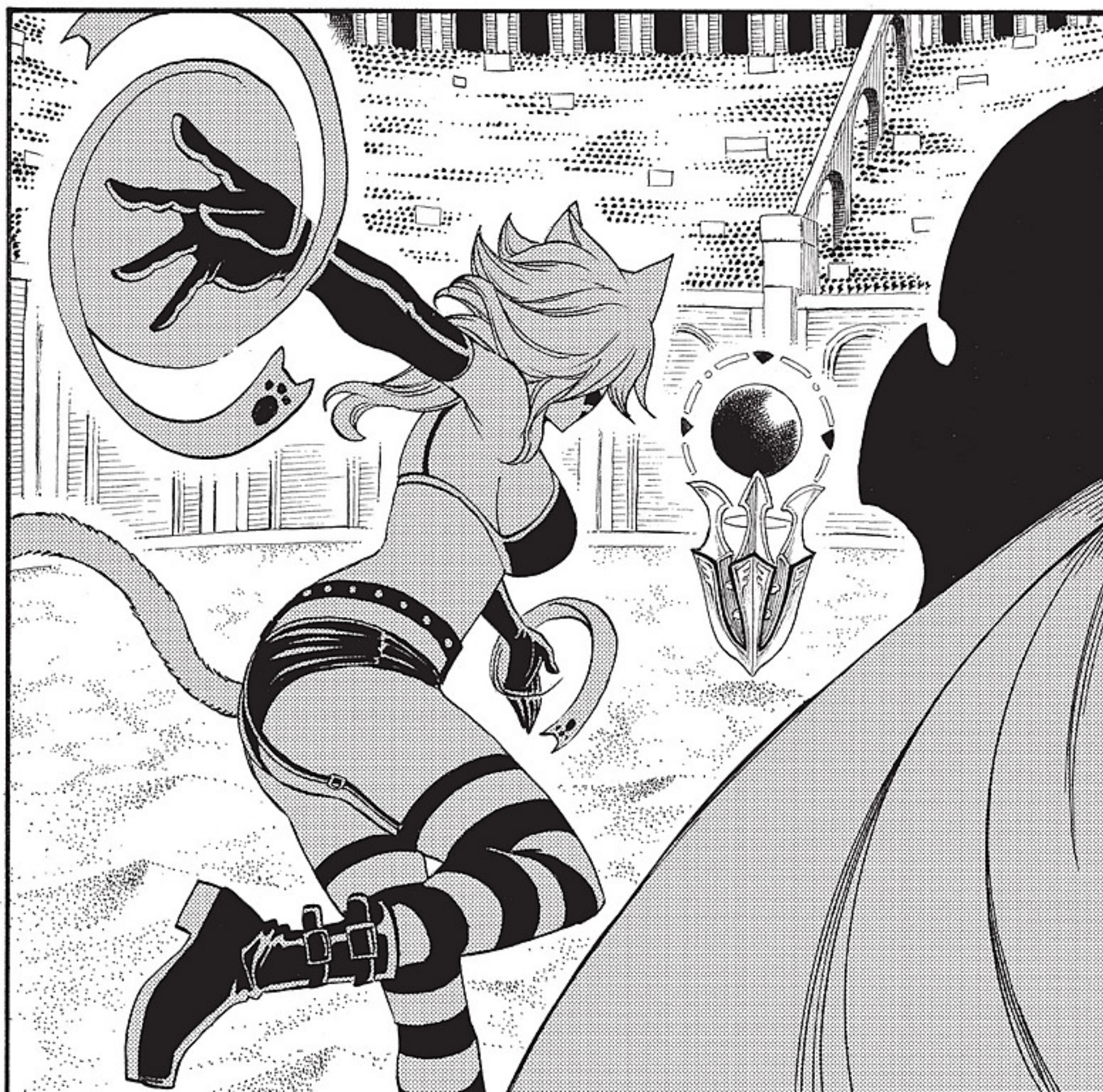
Urp?



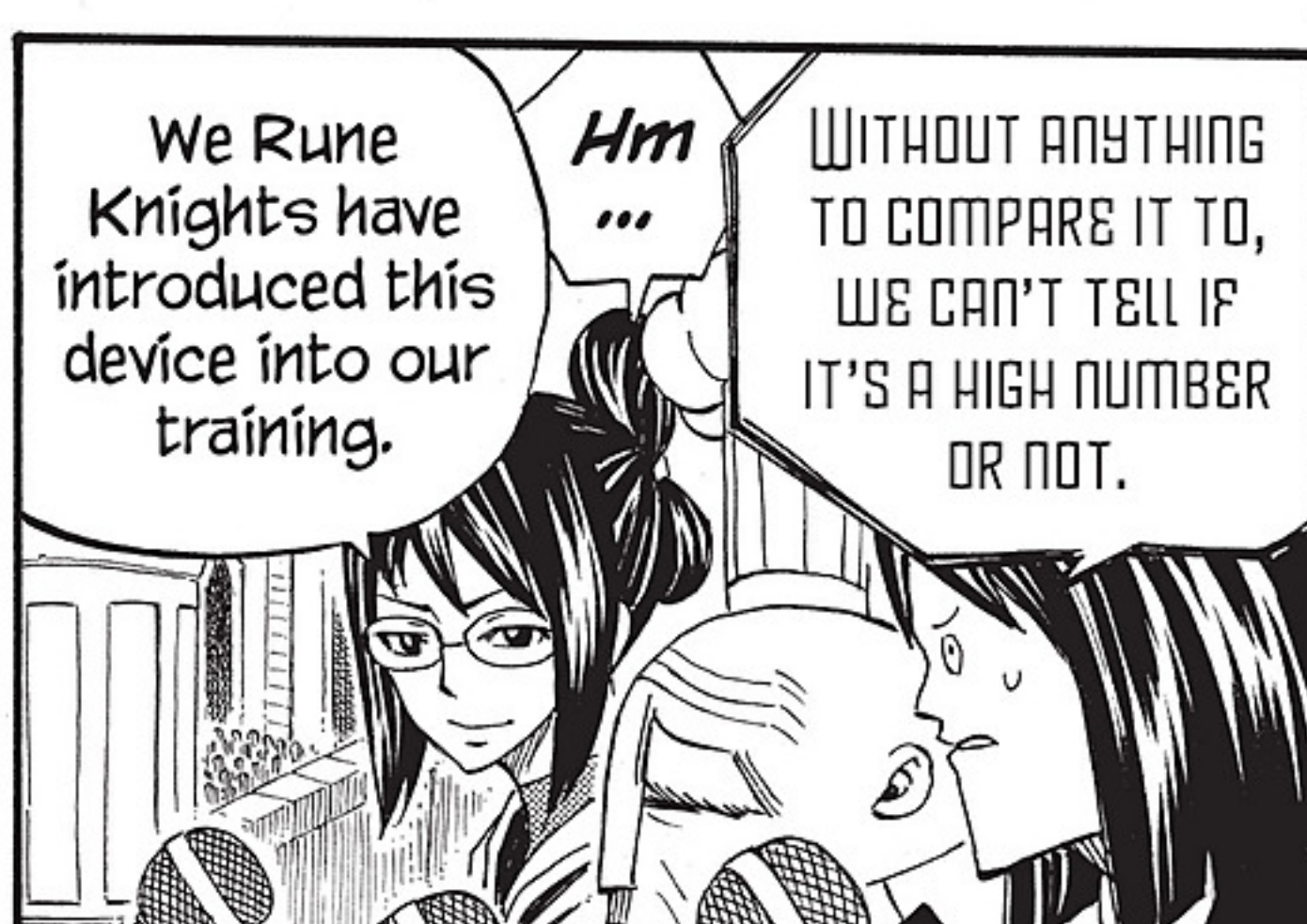
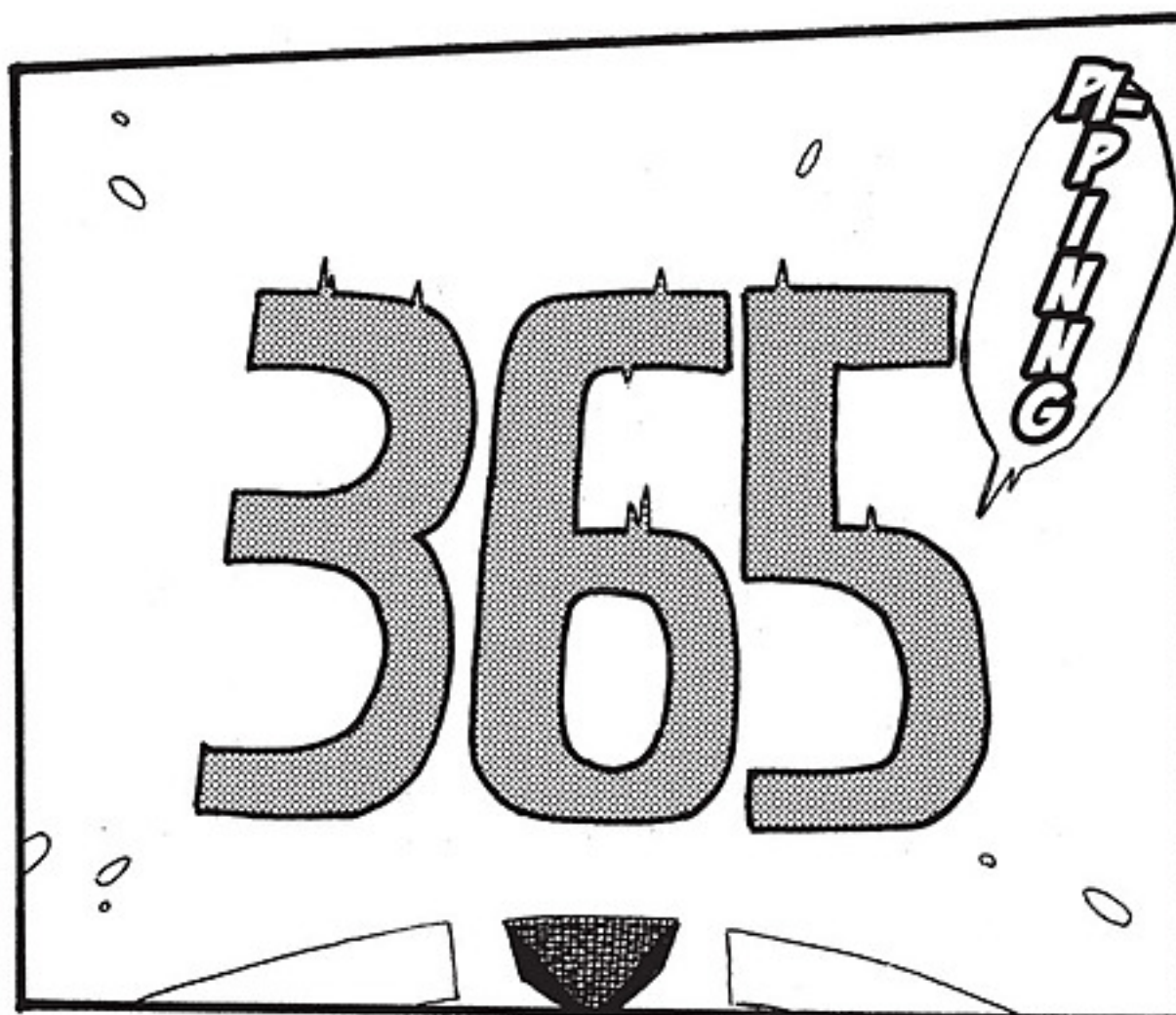
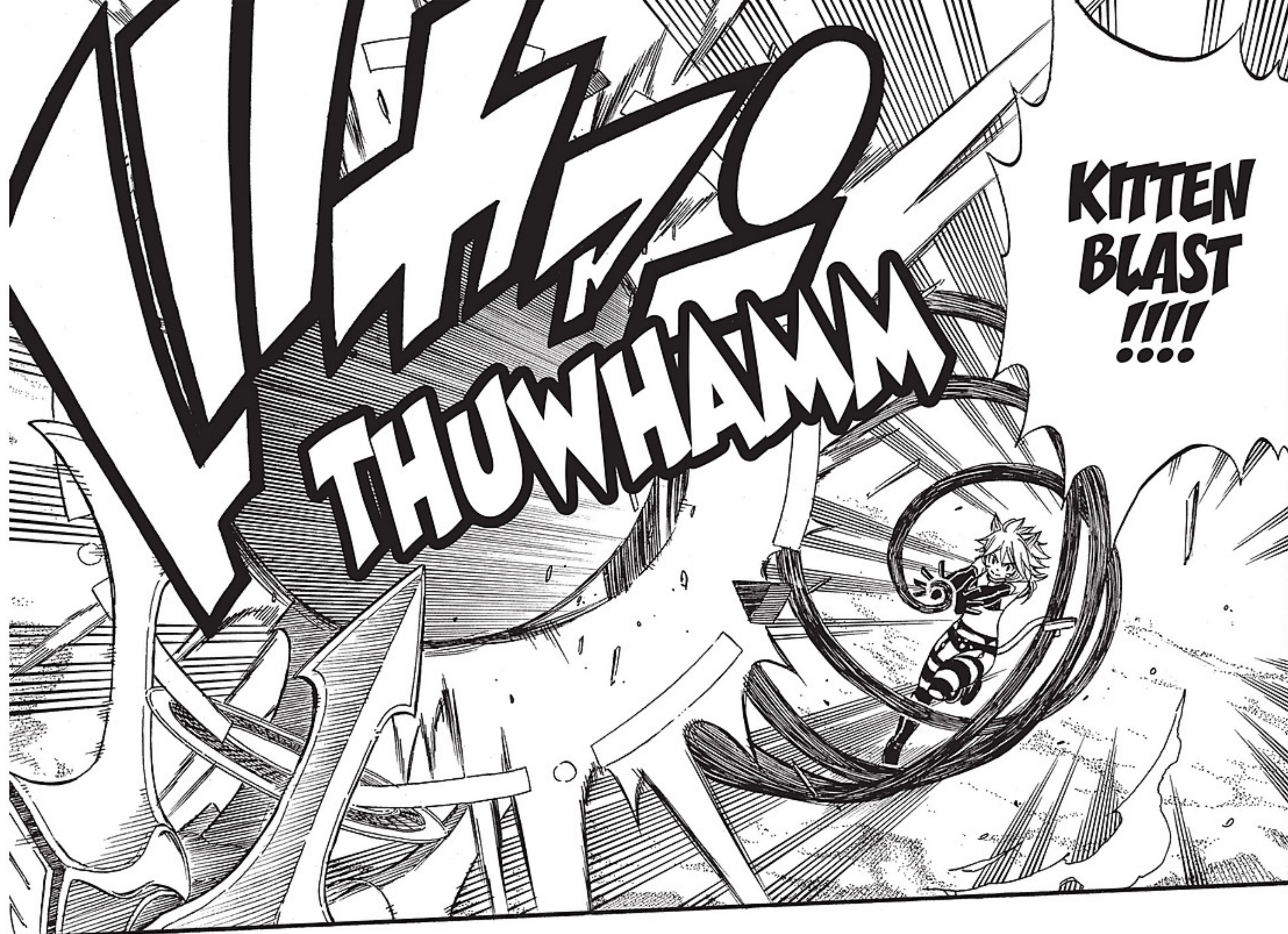
Cana-san!! The contest isn't over yet!!

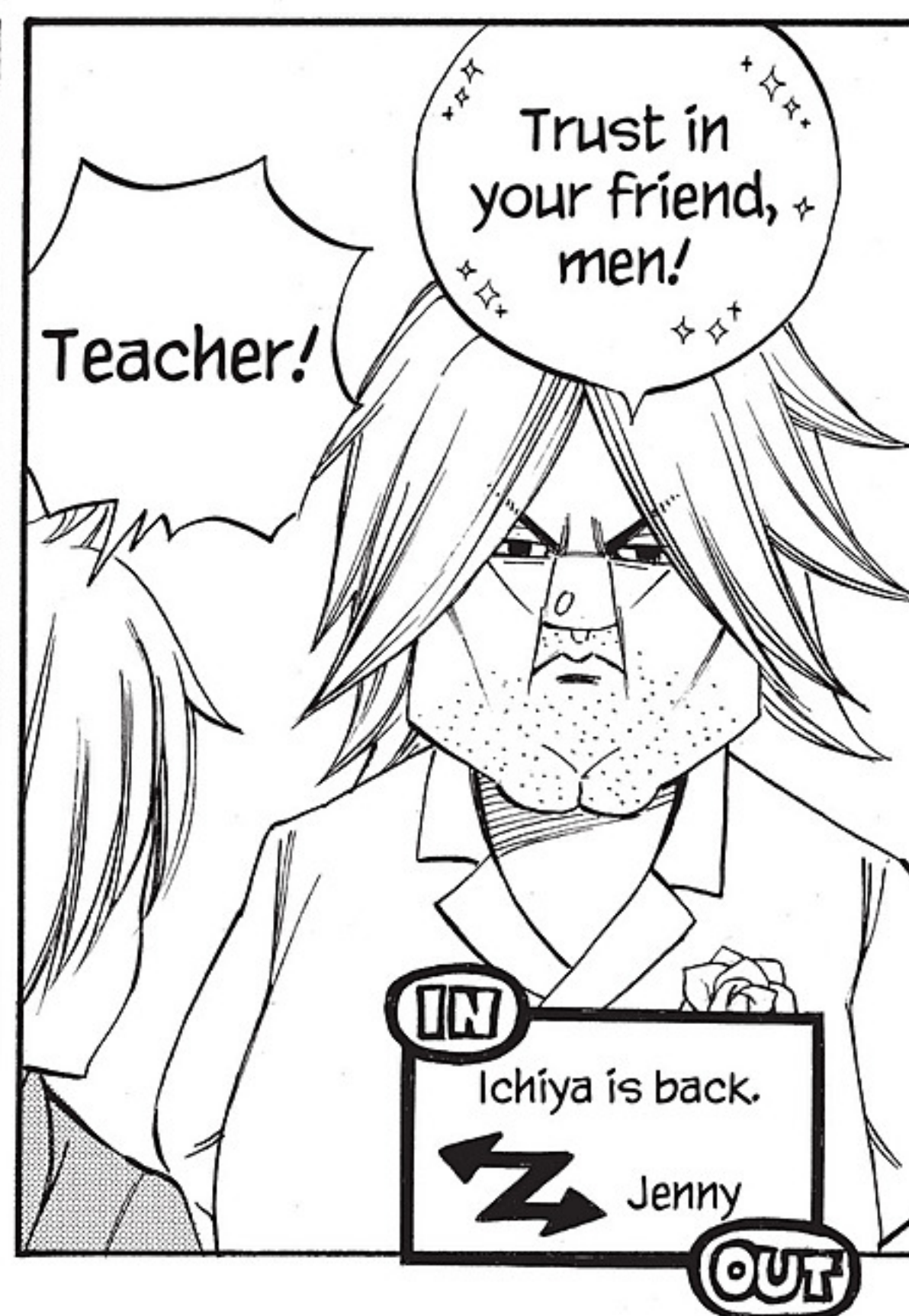
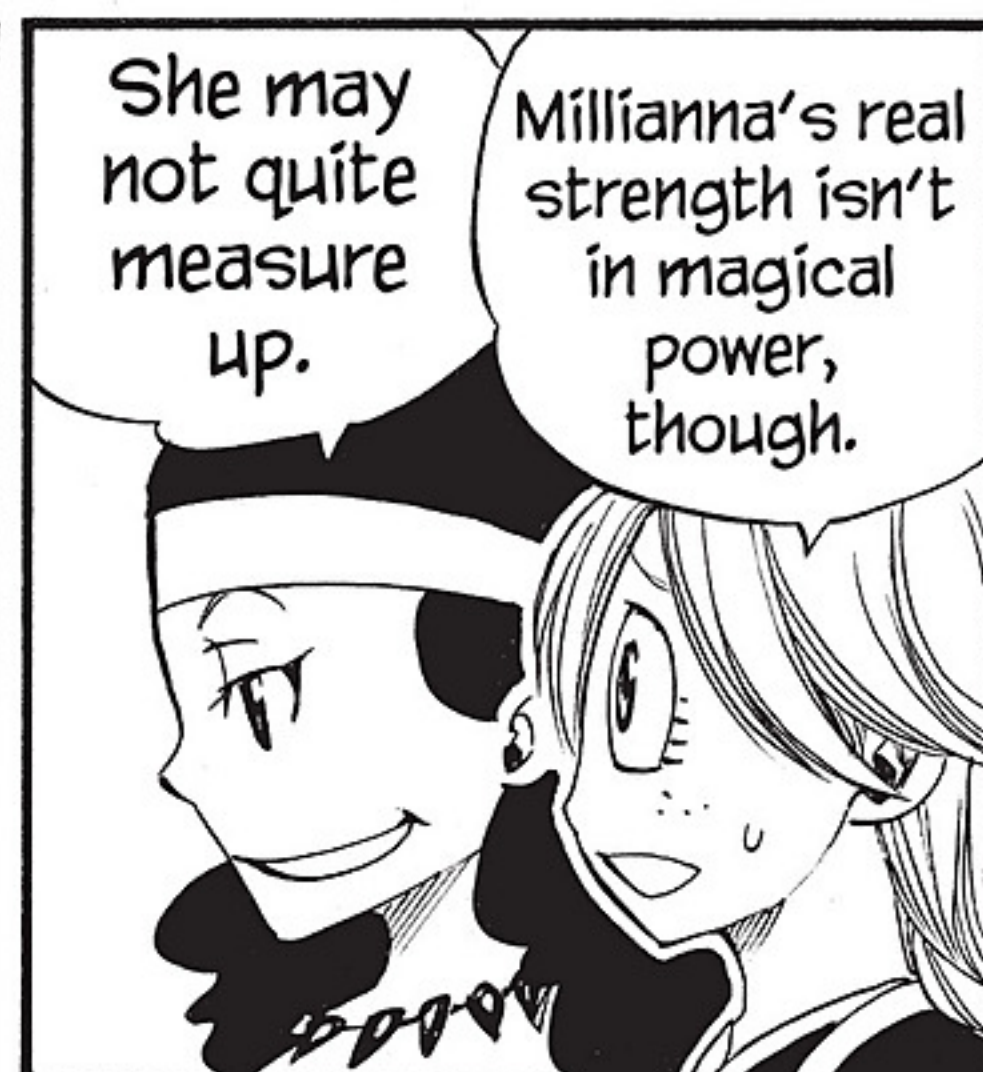
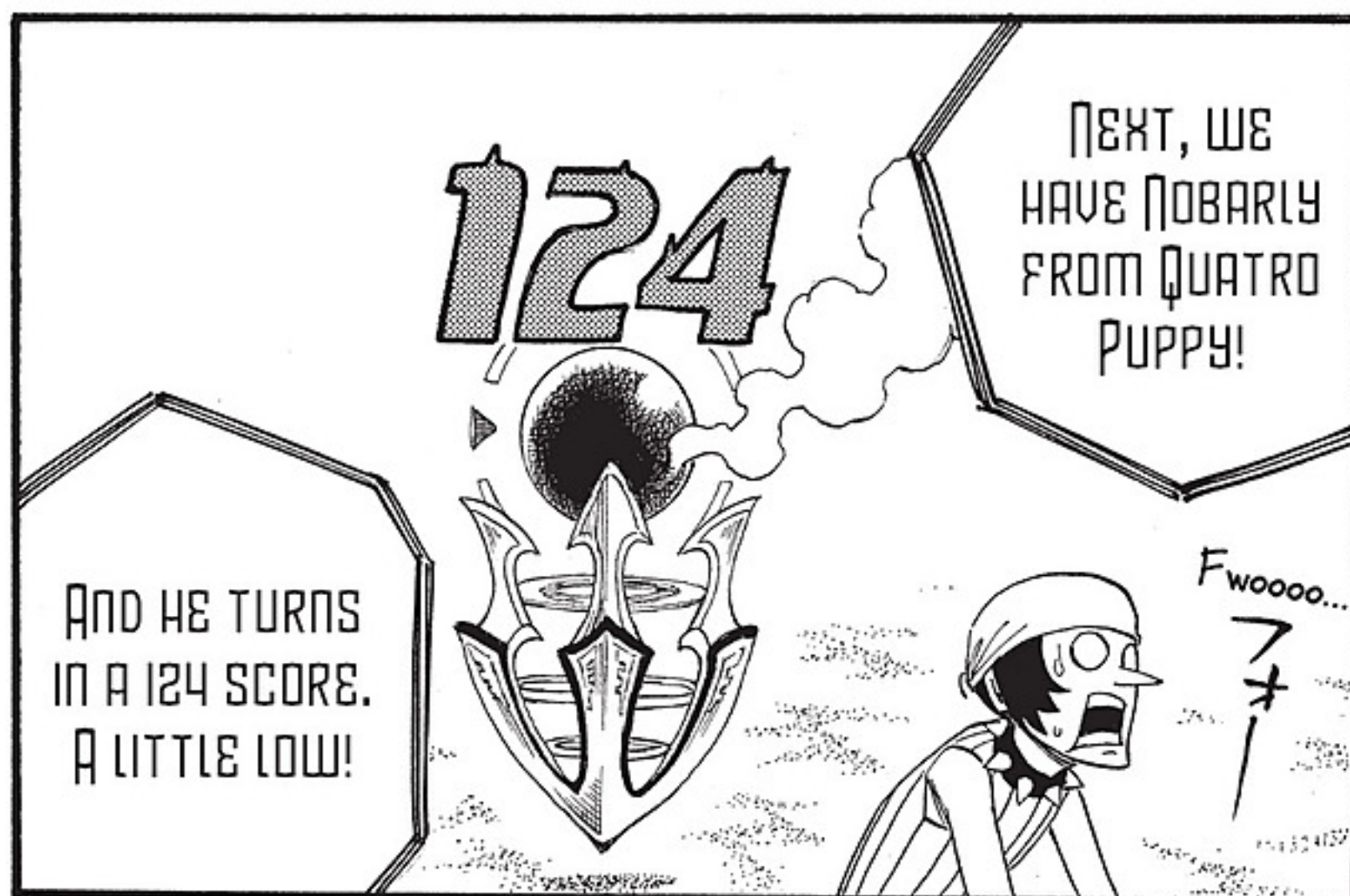
We'll get nothing out of her.

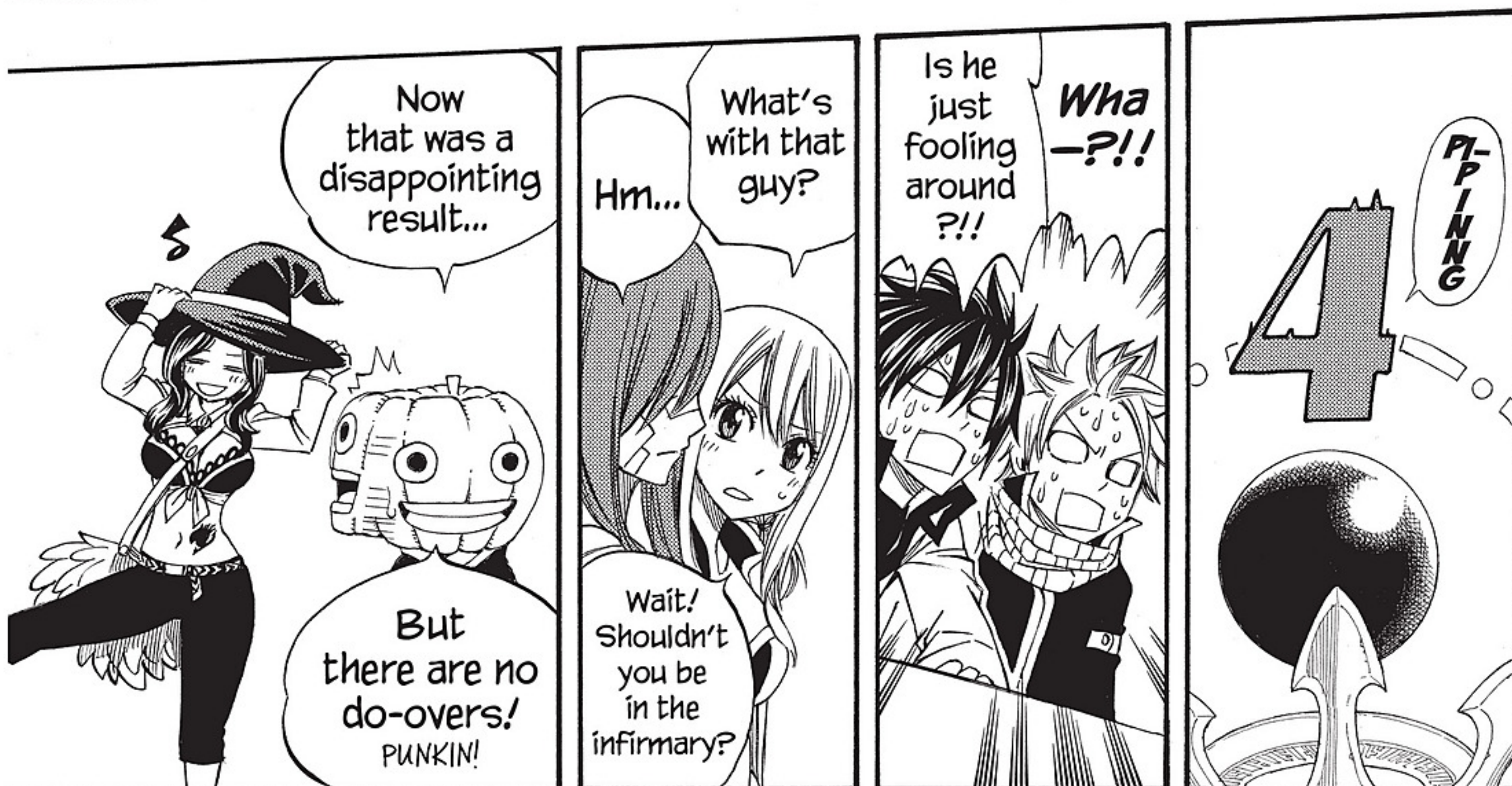
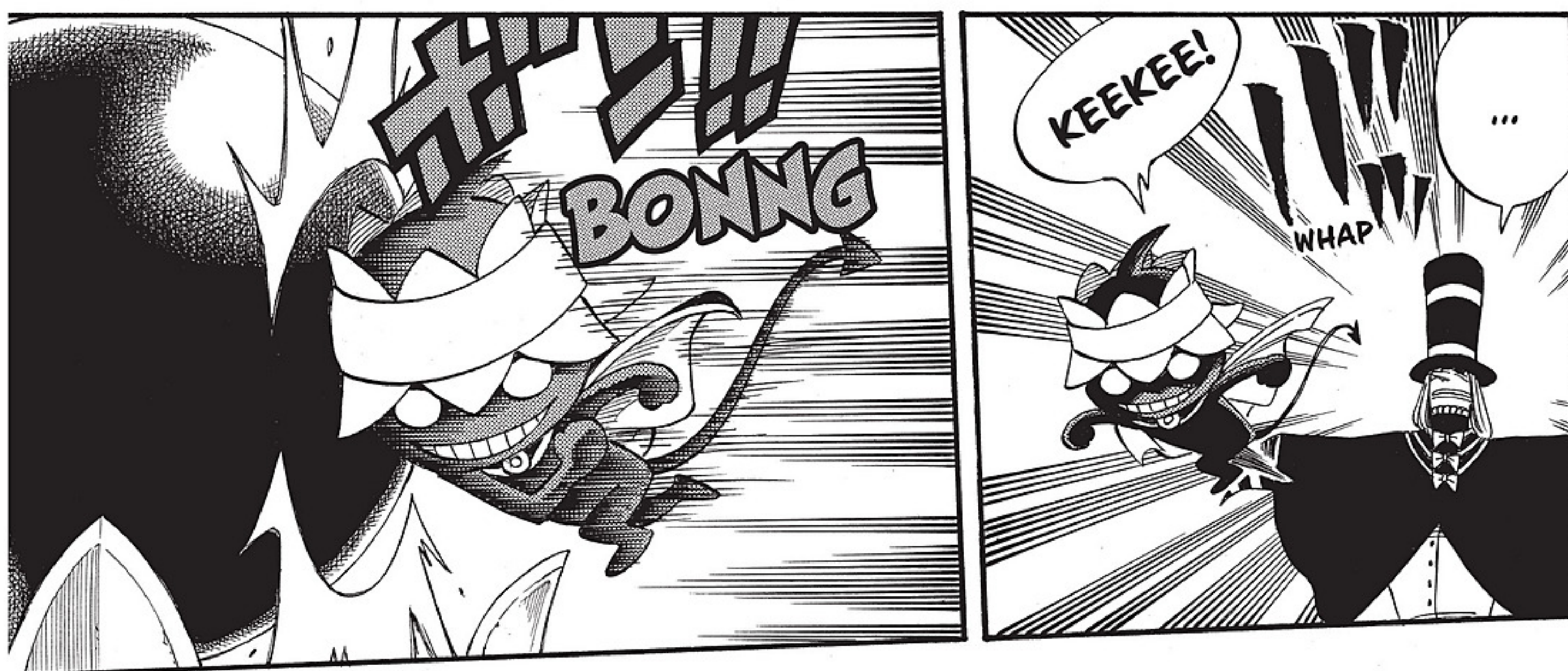
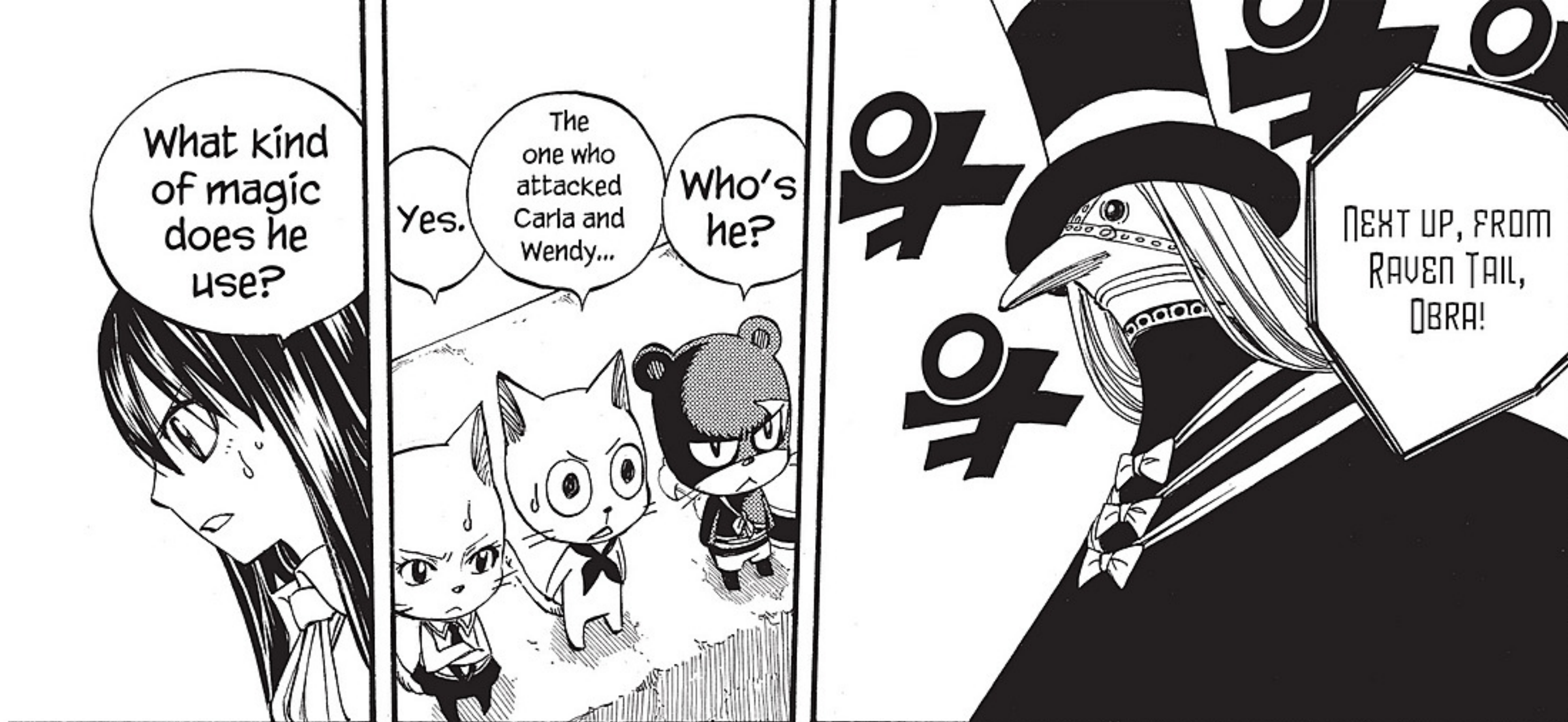
That drunkard !!!



Here I go!
Then that means I'm first up!









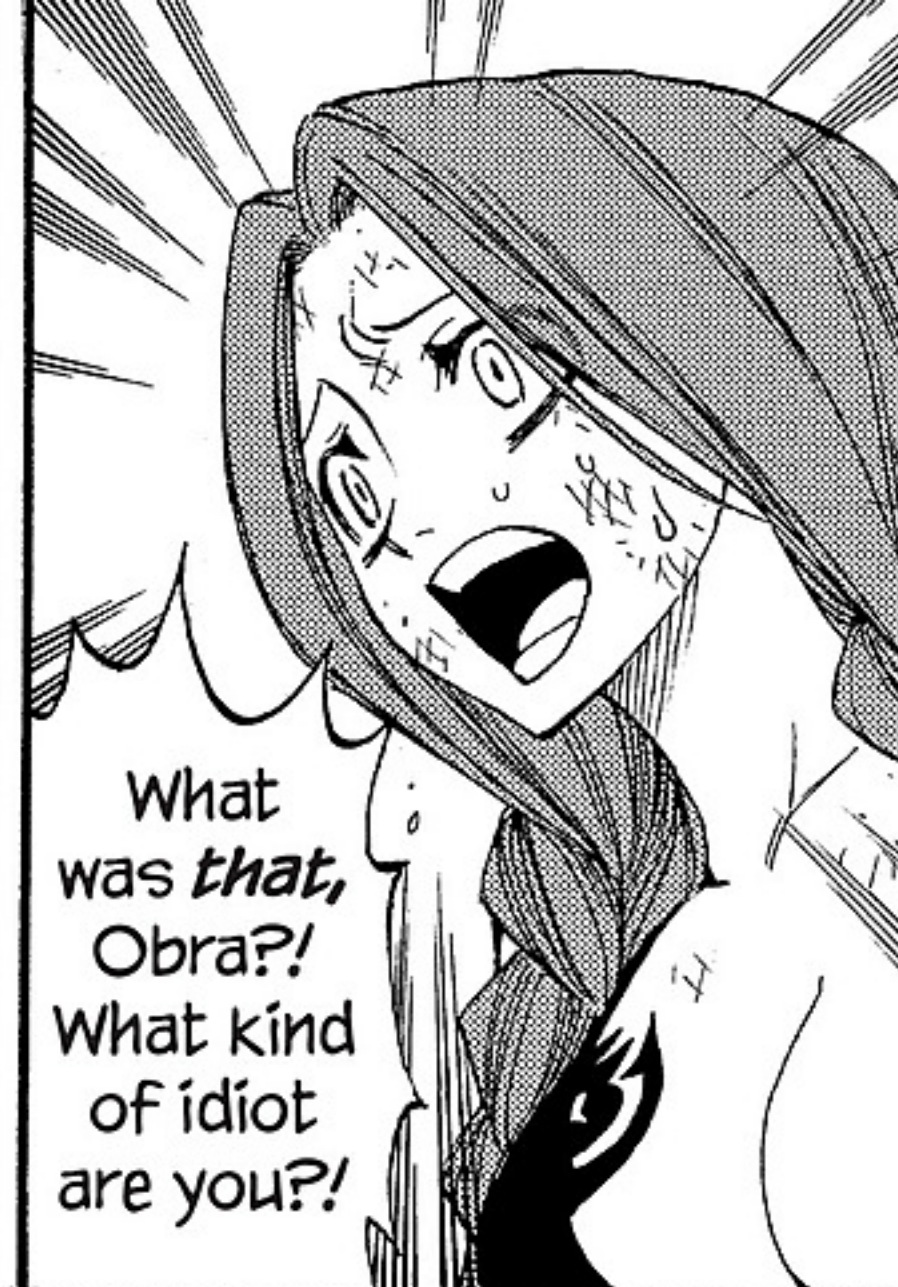
Heh
heh
heh...



He's one
guy you
don't
want
getting
serious
on you!



Shut your mouth,
Flare! We mustn't
let him show his
magic in public!



What
was *that*,
Obra?!
What kind
of idiot
are you?!



I don't
know
about
that.



All
right!!
I'm
number
one!
Myaaa!

1. Millianna:	365
2. Nobarly:	124
3. Hibiki:	95
4. Obra:	4



Here are the
rankings as
they stand
now!

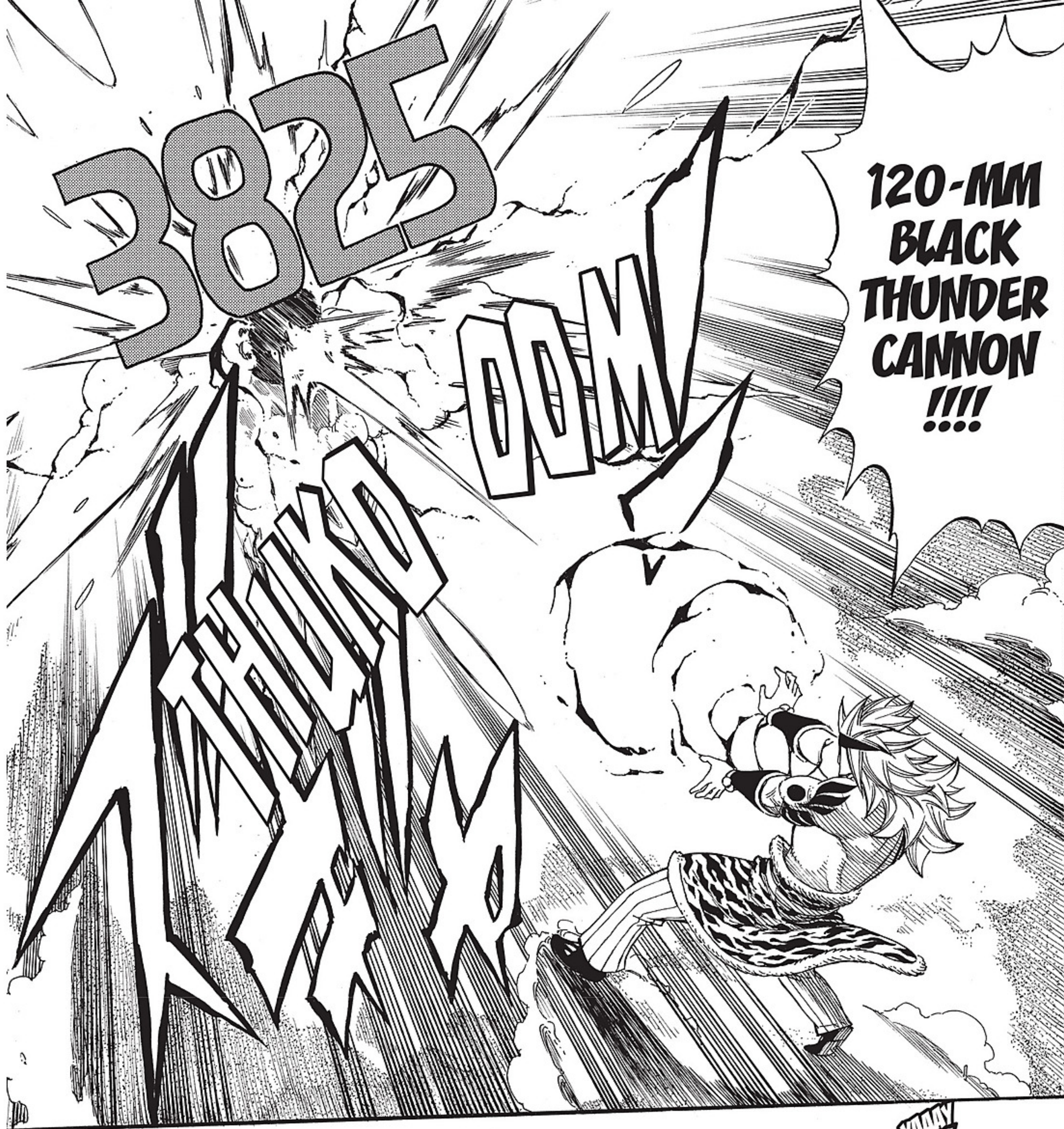


CLAP
1/10
CLAP
1/10
CLAP
1/10



AND LISTEN
TO THOSE
CHEERS!!!

THAT BRINGS
US TO OLGA'S
TURN!!!



That's Olga-kun for you!!
He's got all the power he needs!

Fro thinks so also!



I've never seen a number like that from any of our Knights!



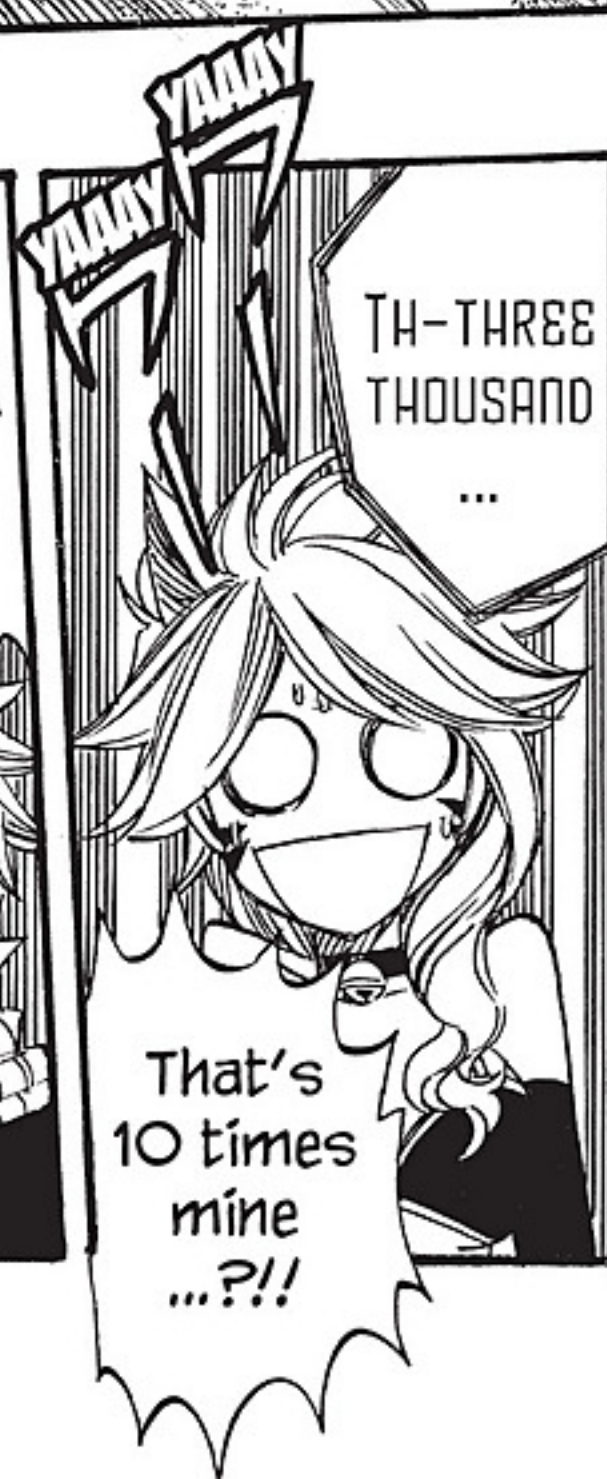
WHAT WAS THAT?!

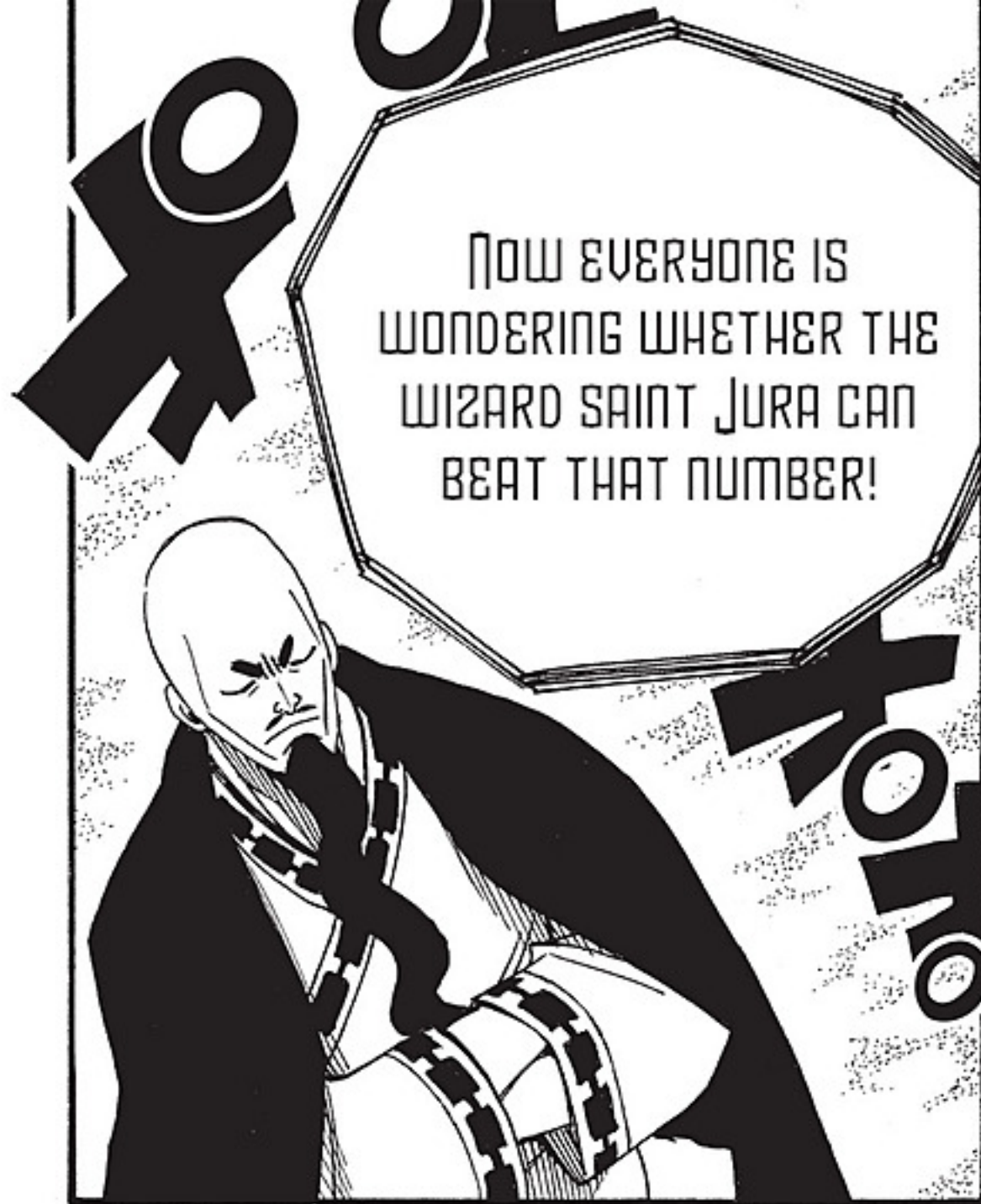
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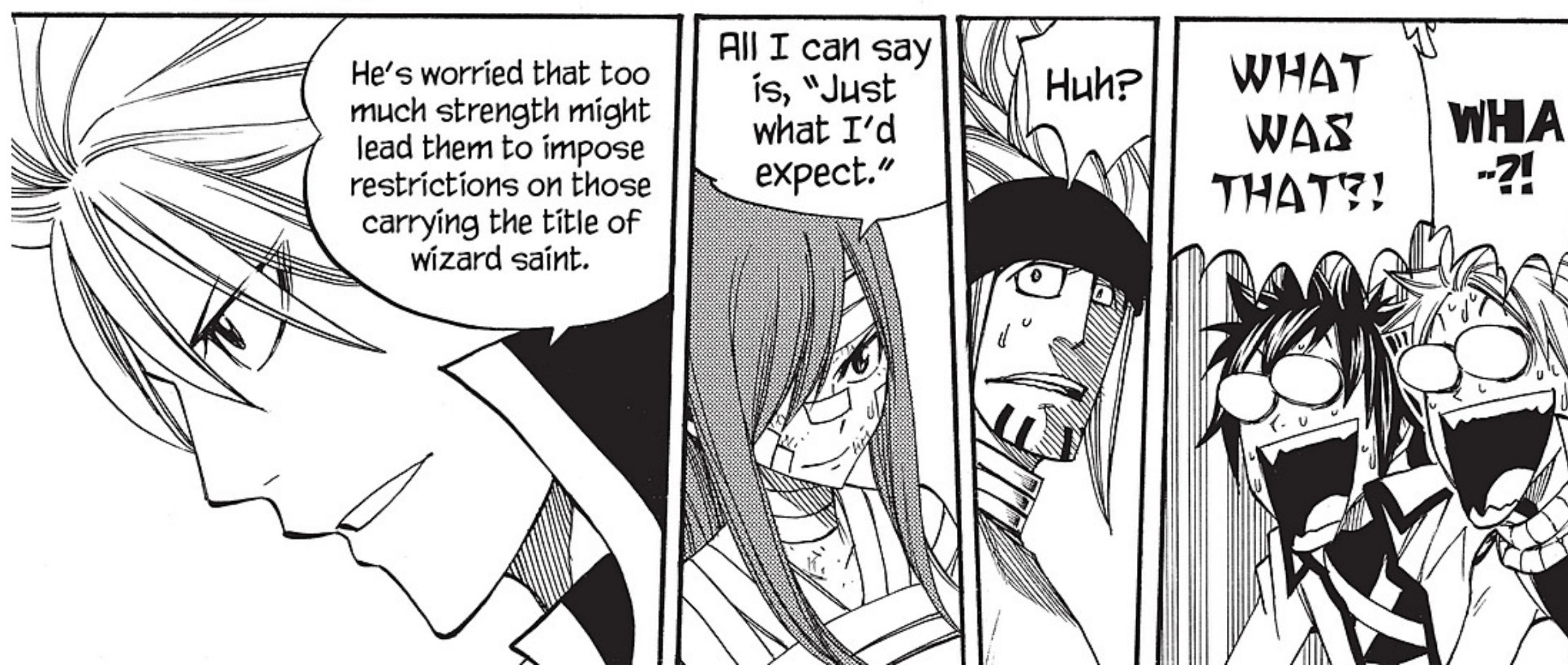


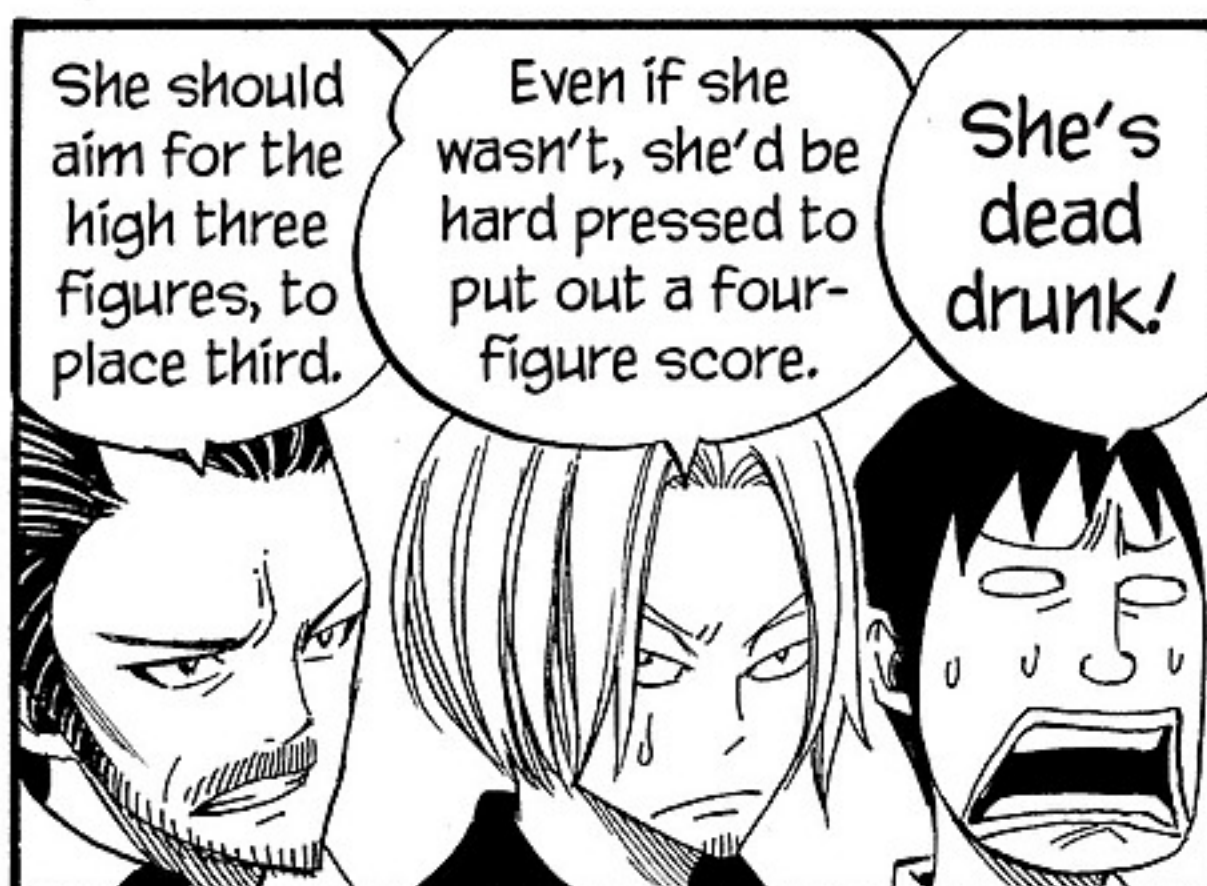
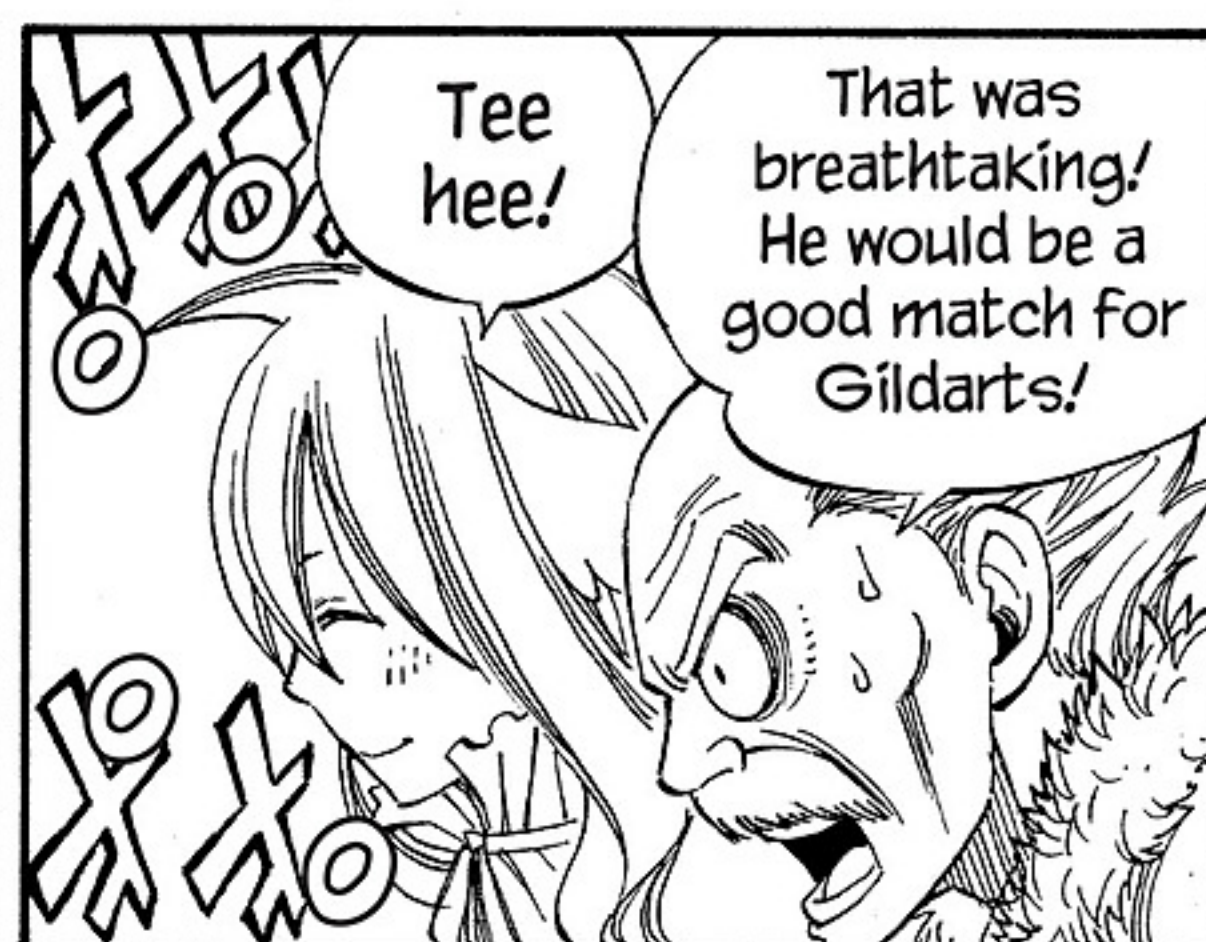
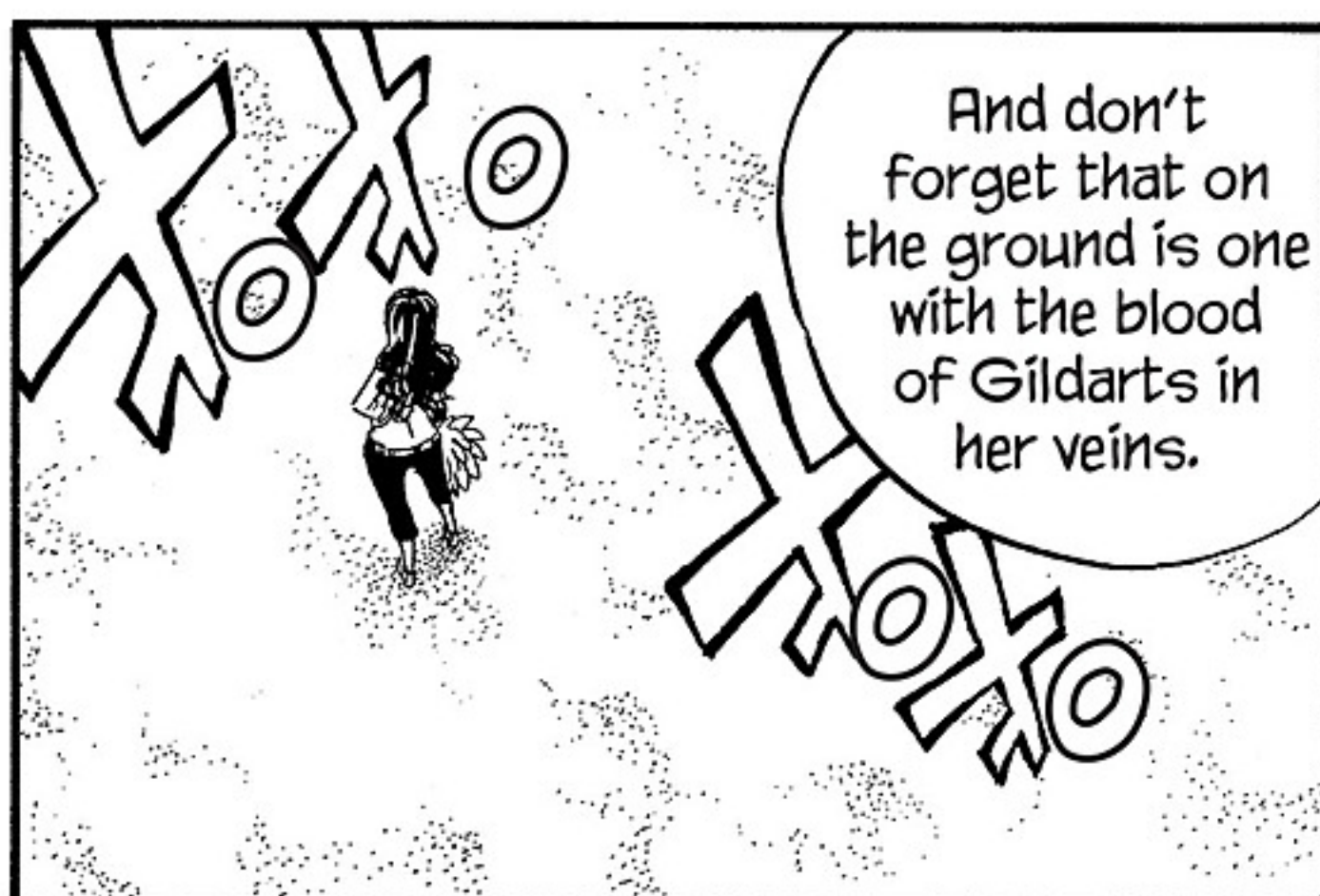
TH-THREE THOUSAND ...

That's 10 times mine ...?!!

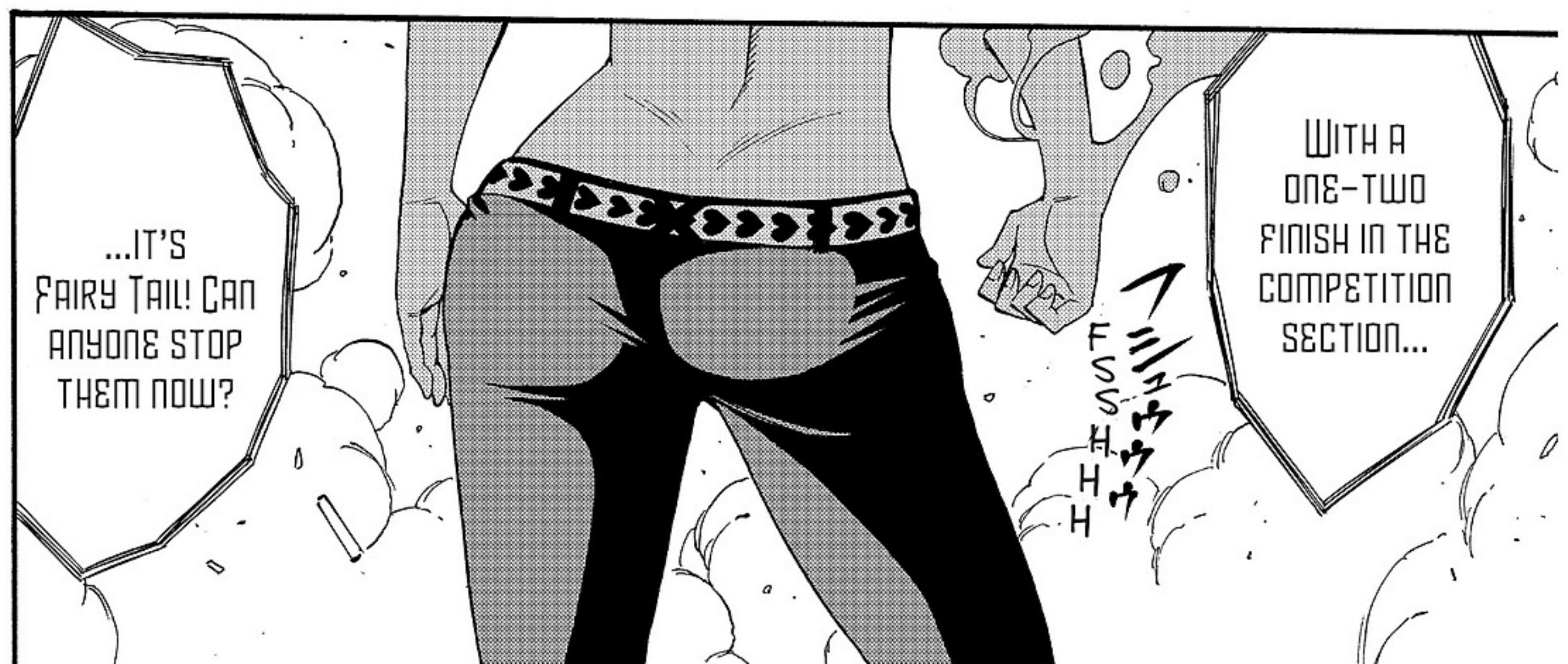
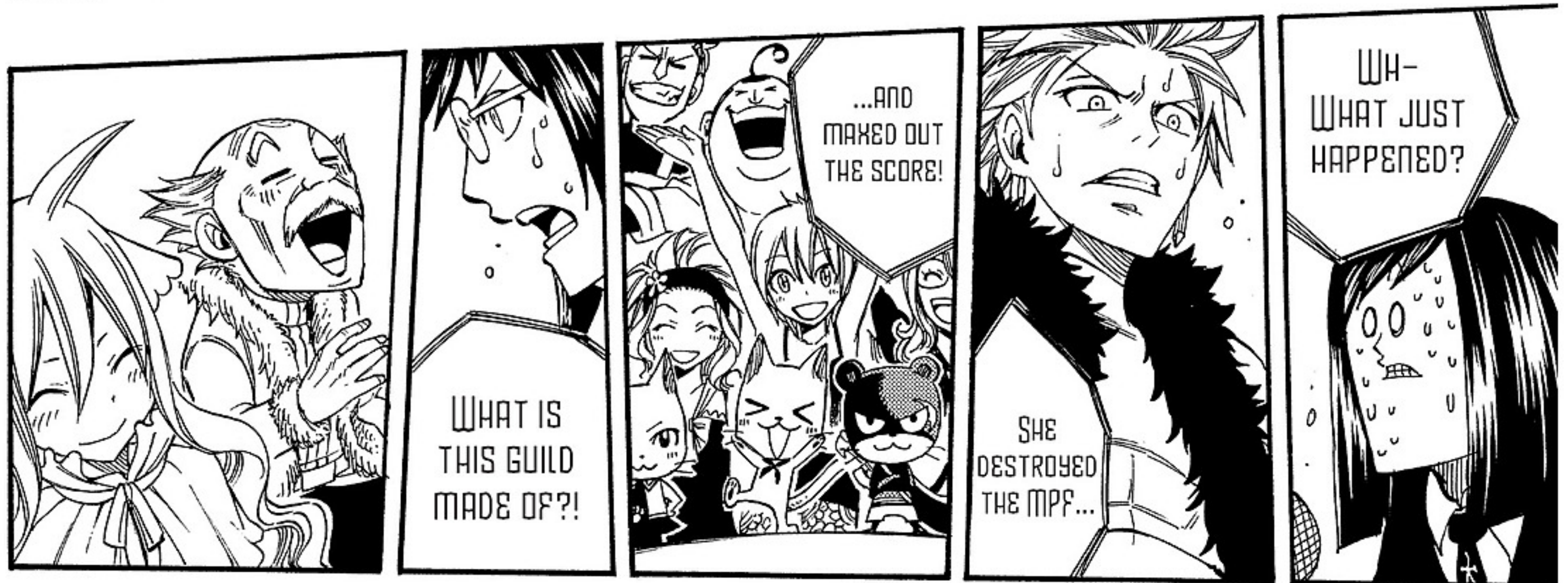
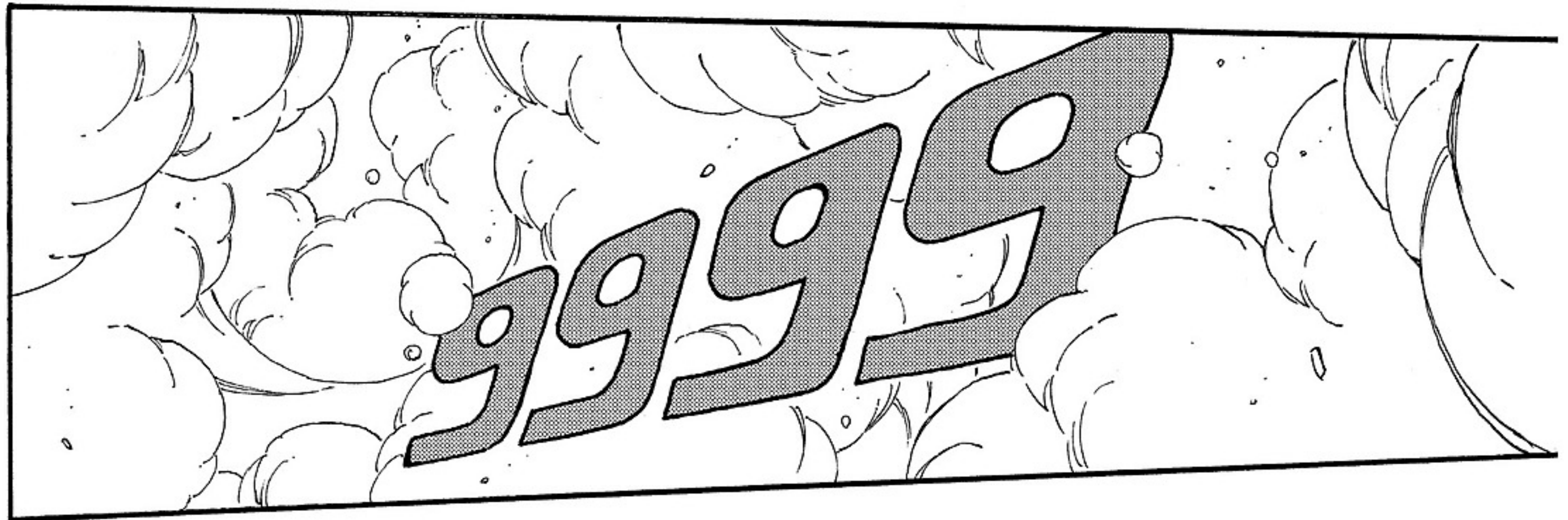
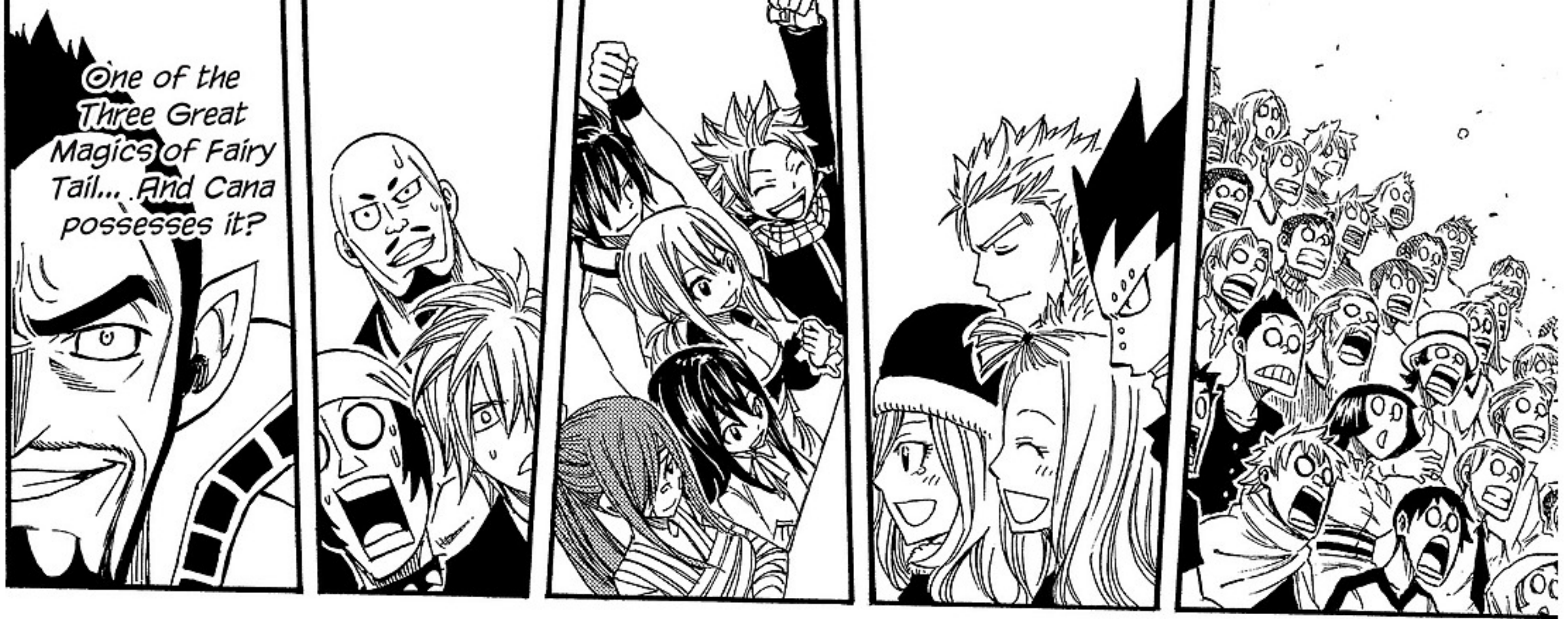










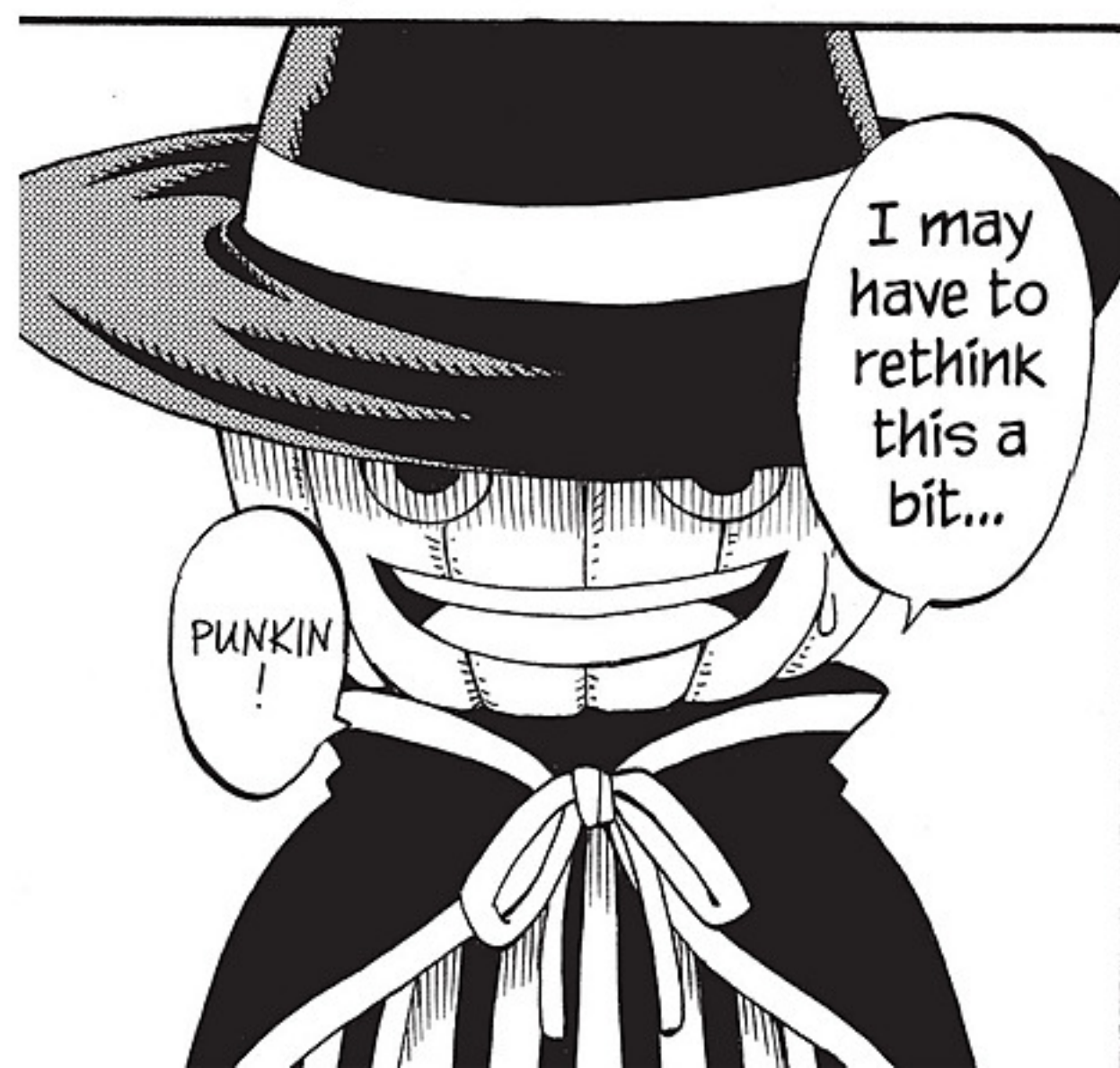




**FAIRY
GLITTER
!!!!**

KAF

WOOF

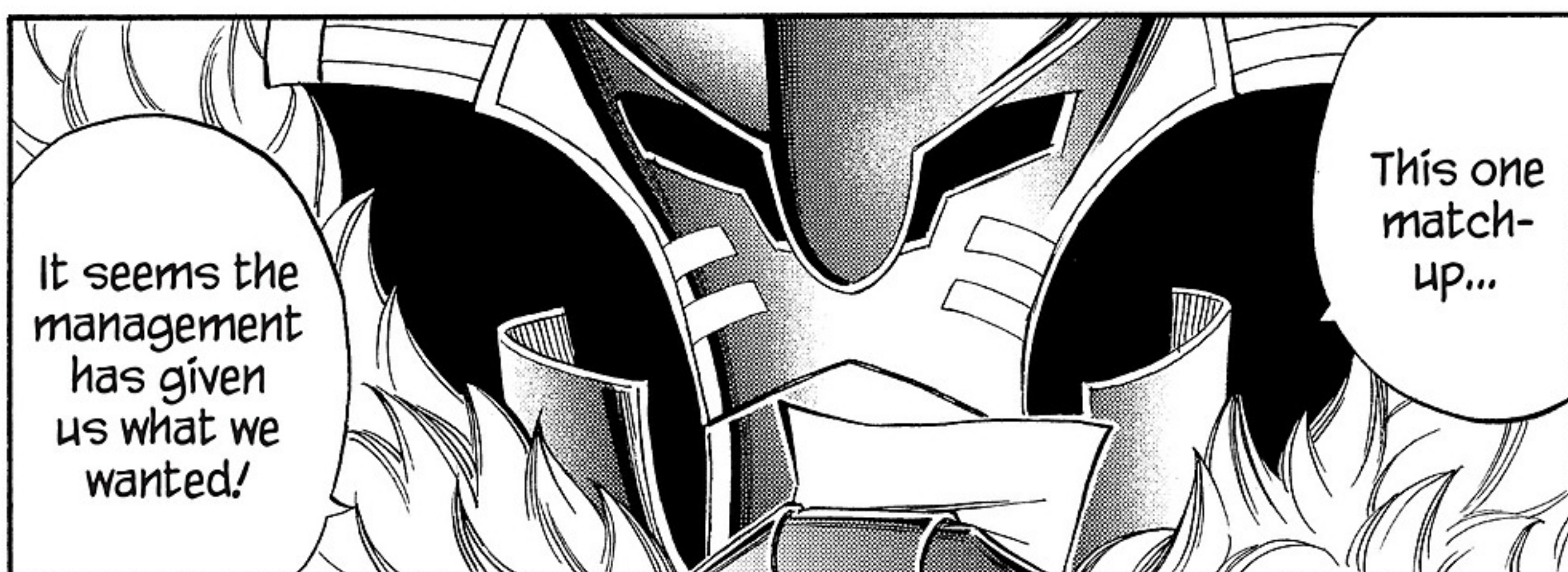
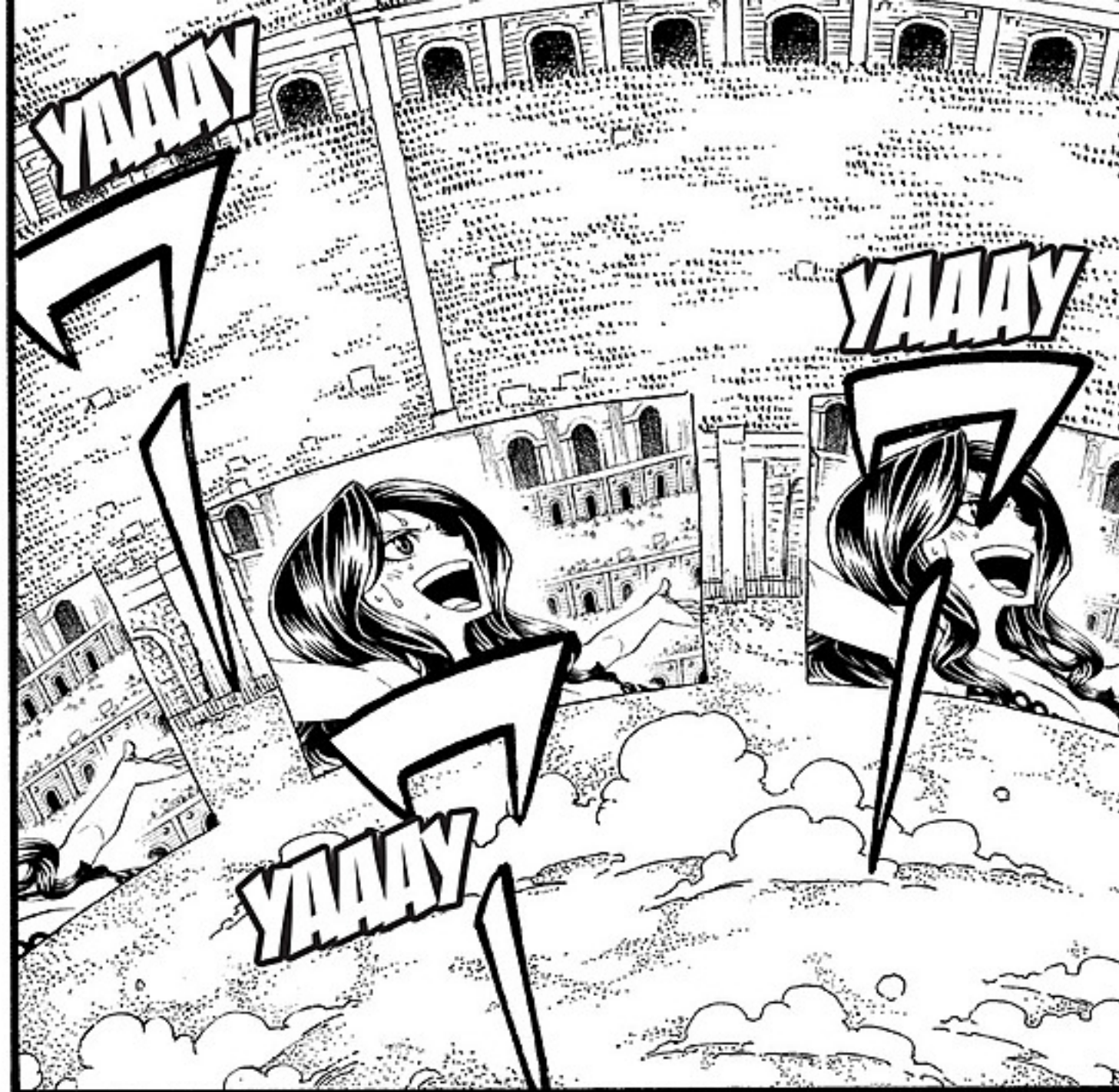




I have the
battle match-
ups.



Alexei-
sama!



It seems the
management
has given
us what we
wanted!

This one
match-
up...



...to fulfill
our true
goal in
these
games.

Then
let us
begin...

FAIRY TAIL

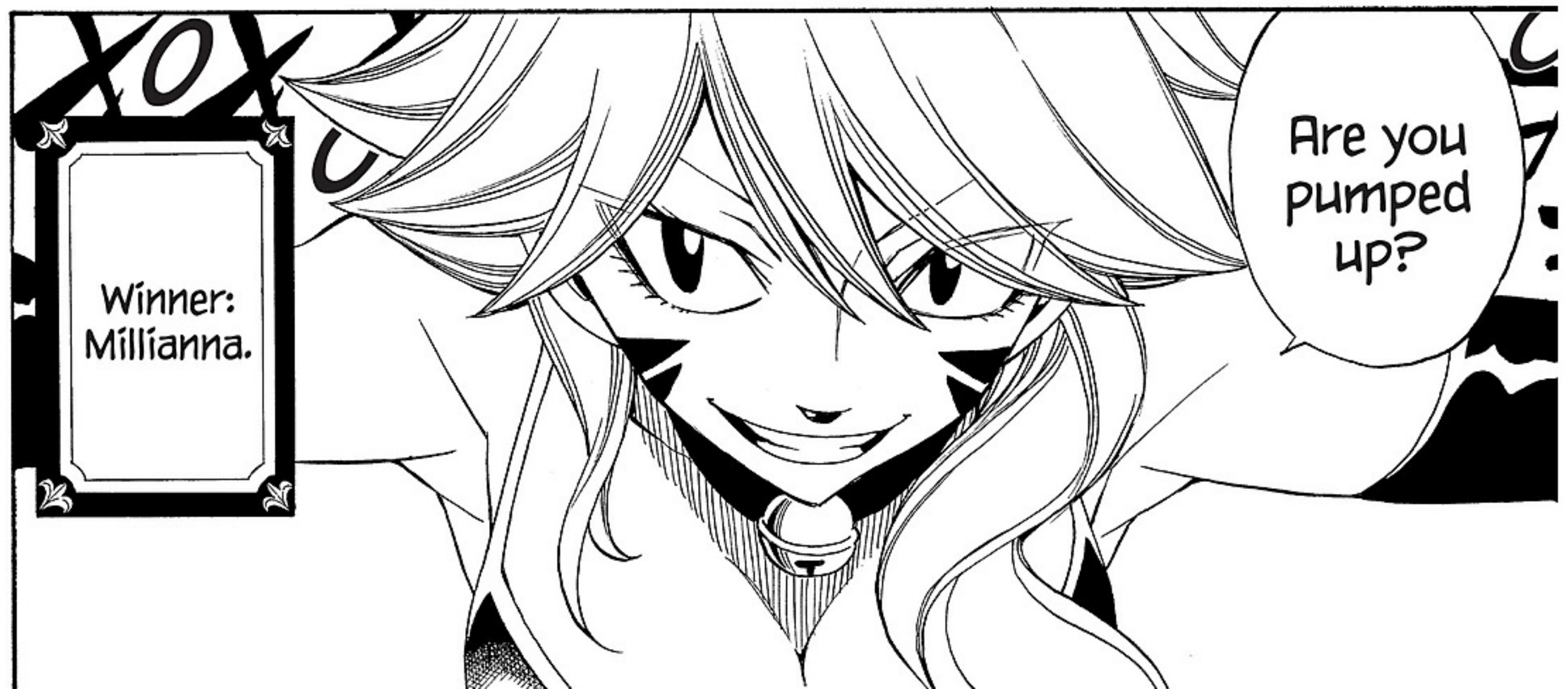
フェアリーテイル

Grand Magic Games Third Day Interim Results.

1. Raven Tail	36P + 0	→	1. Raven Tail	36P
2. Saber Tooth	20P + 4	↘	2. Lamia Scale	26P
2. Lamia Scale	20P + 6	↗	3. Saber Tooth	24P
4. Mermaid Heel	19P + 3	→	4. Mermaid Heel	22P
5. Blue Pegasus	17P + 1	↘	4. Fairy Tail A	22P
6. Quatro Puppy	12P + 2	↗	6. Fairy Tail B	20P
6. Fairy Tail B	12P + 8	↗	7. Blue Pegasus	18P
6. Fairy Tail A	12P + 10	↗	8. Quatro Puppy	14P

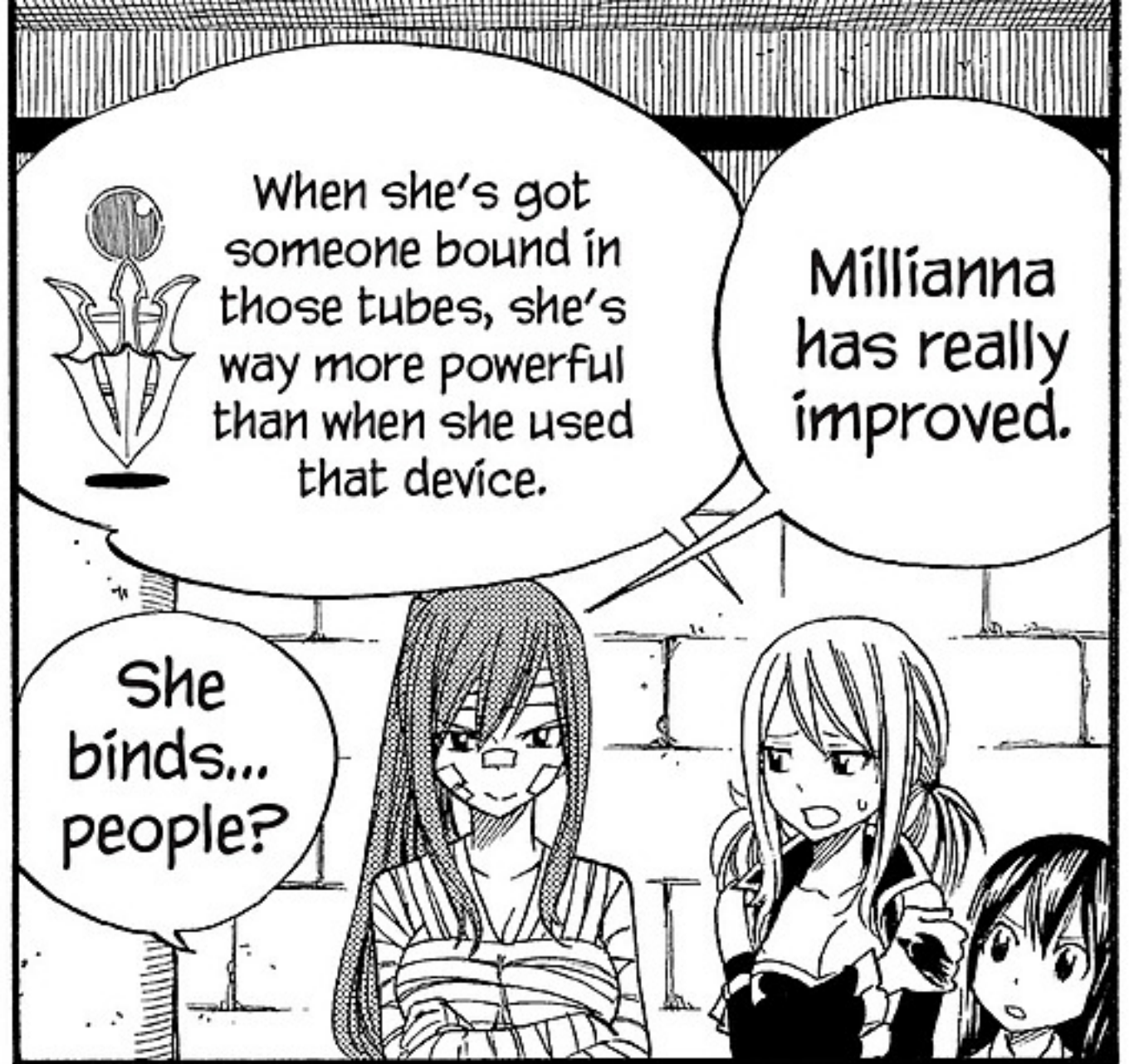


Chapter 286: Laxus vs. Alexei





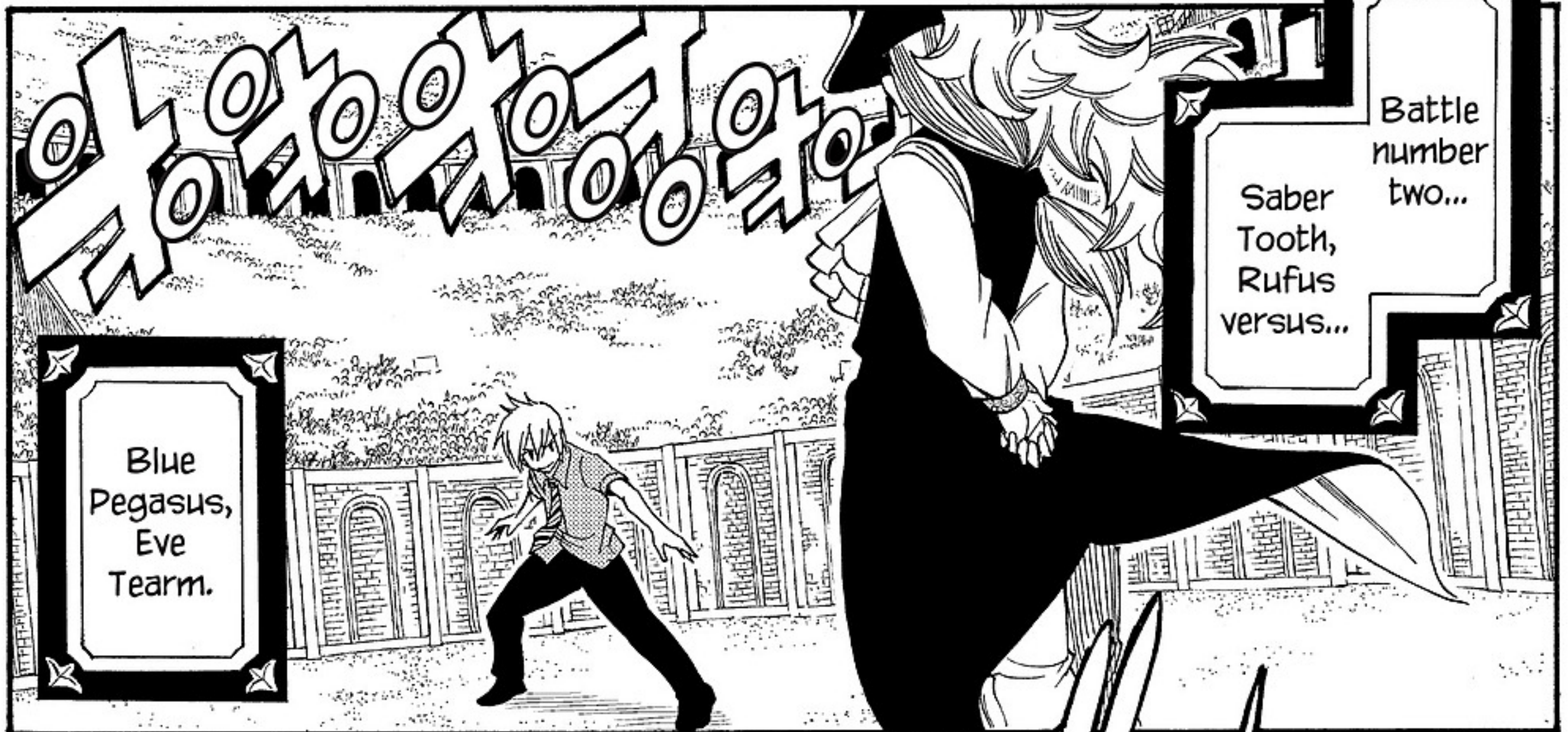
I had a tough battle with her too.



When she's got someone bound in those tubes, she's way more powerful than when she used that device.

Millianna has really improved.

She binds... people?



Blue Pegasus, Eve Team.

Battle number two...
Saber Tooth, Rufus versus...



I have committed your magic to memory.

White Fang!!!!

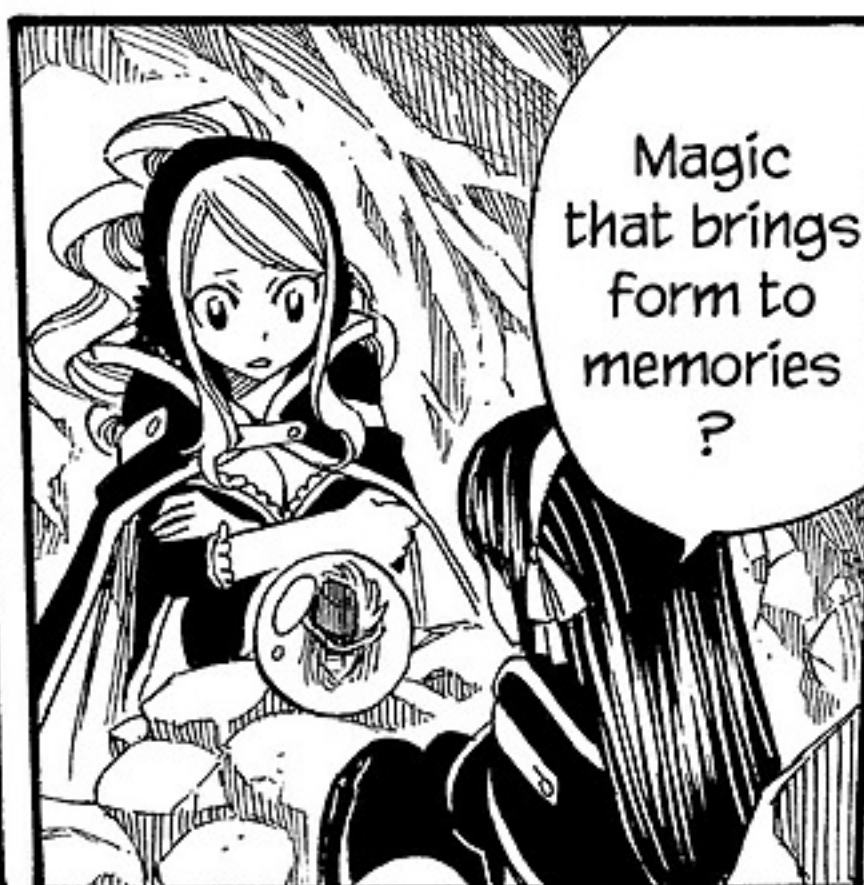




MEMORY
MAKE...



An
Ancient
Spell...



Magic
that brings
form to
memories
?



What
is that
maker
magic
supposed
to be?



There
it is!

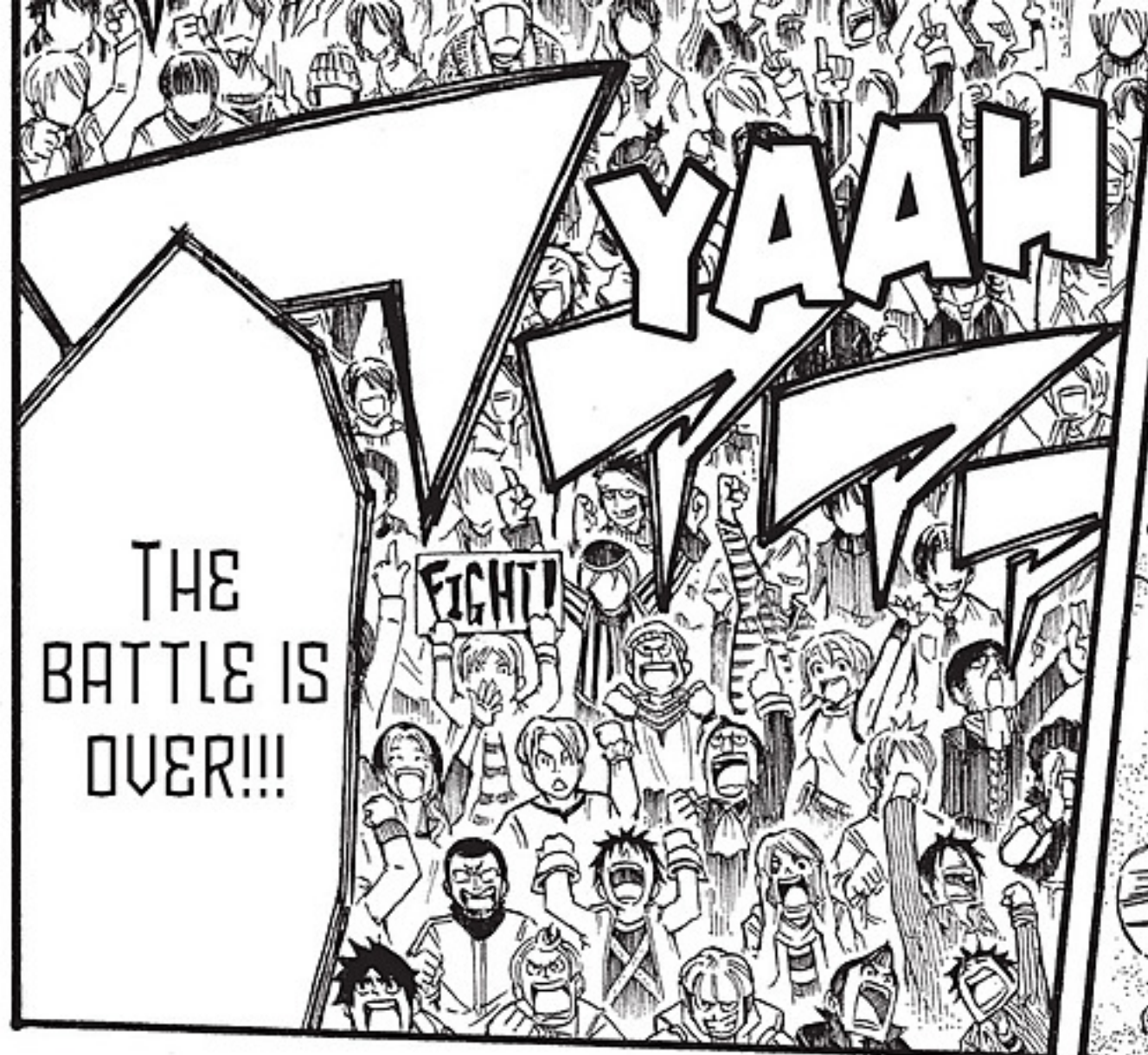


*Karma of the Burning Earth

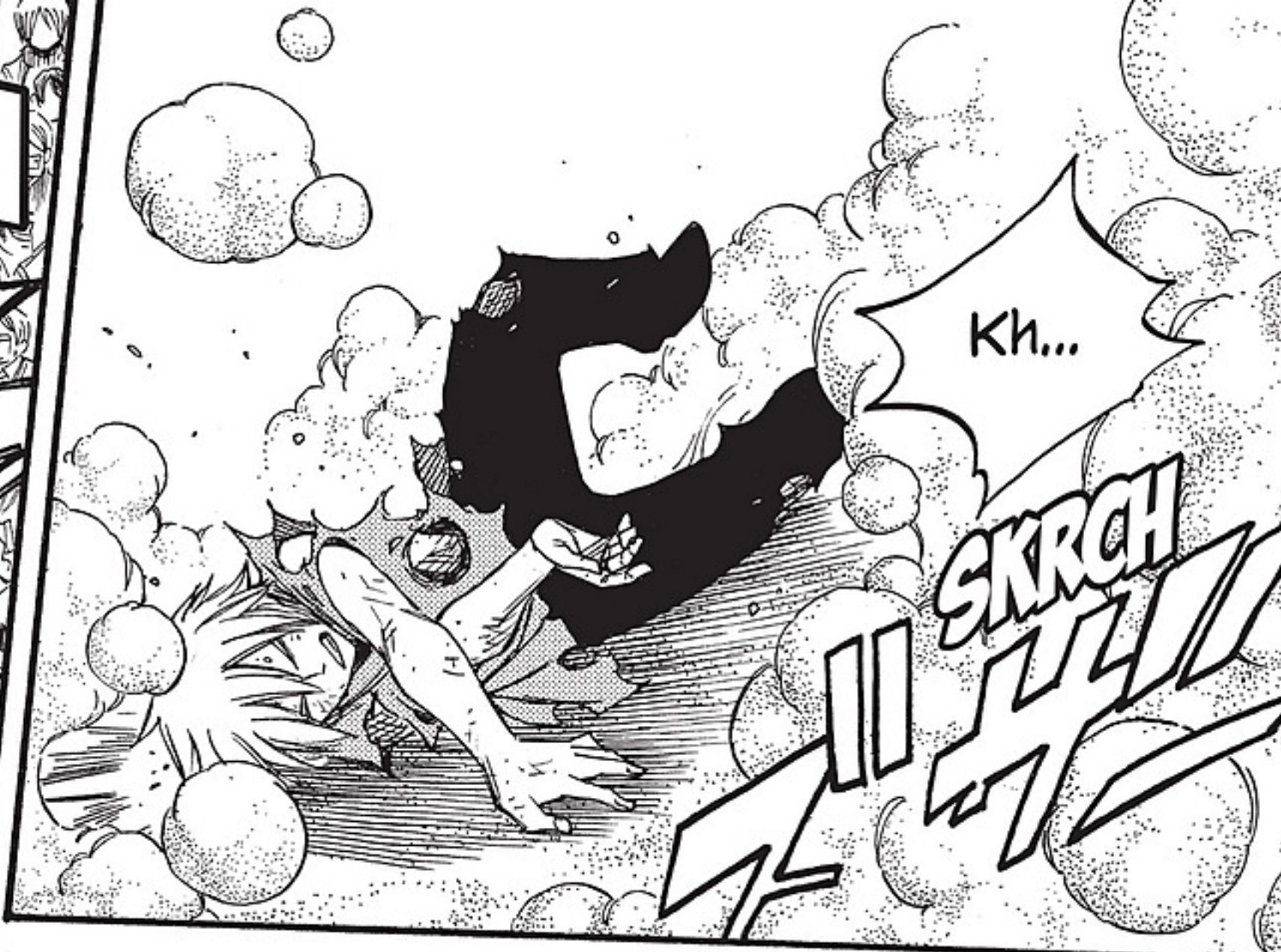
MOYURU
DAICHI NO
GÔ*!!

WAAAAH!!

GWOOGGI

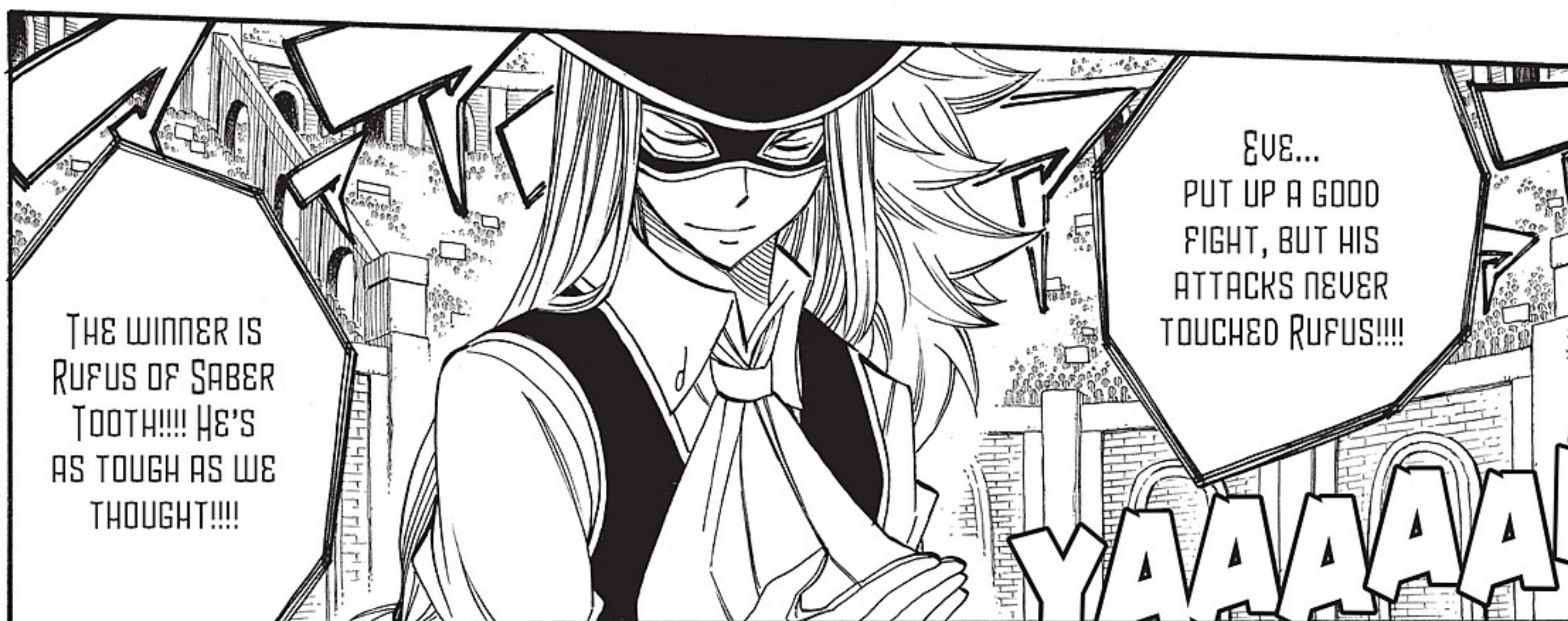


THE
BATTLE IS
OVER!!!



Kh...

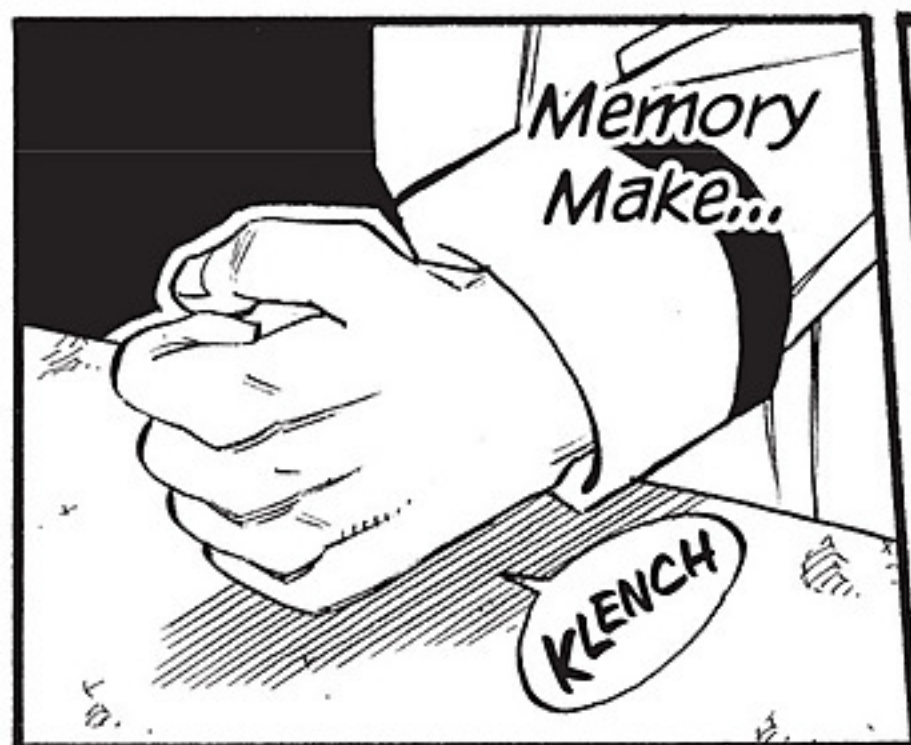
SKRCH



THE WINNER IS
RUFUS OF SABER
TOOTH!!!! HE'S
AS TOUGH AS WE
THOUGHT!!!!

EVE...
PUT UP A GOOD
FIGHT, BUT HIS
ATTACKS NEVER
TOUCHED RUFUS!!!!

YAAAAA

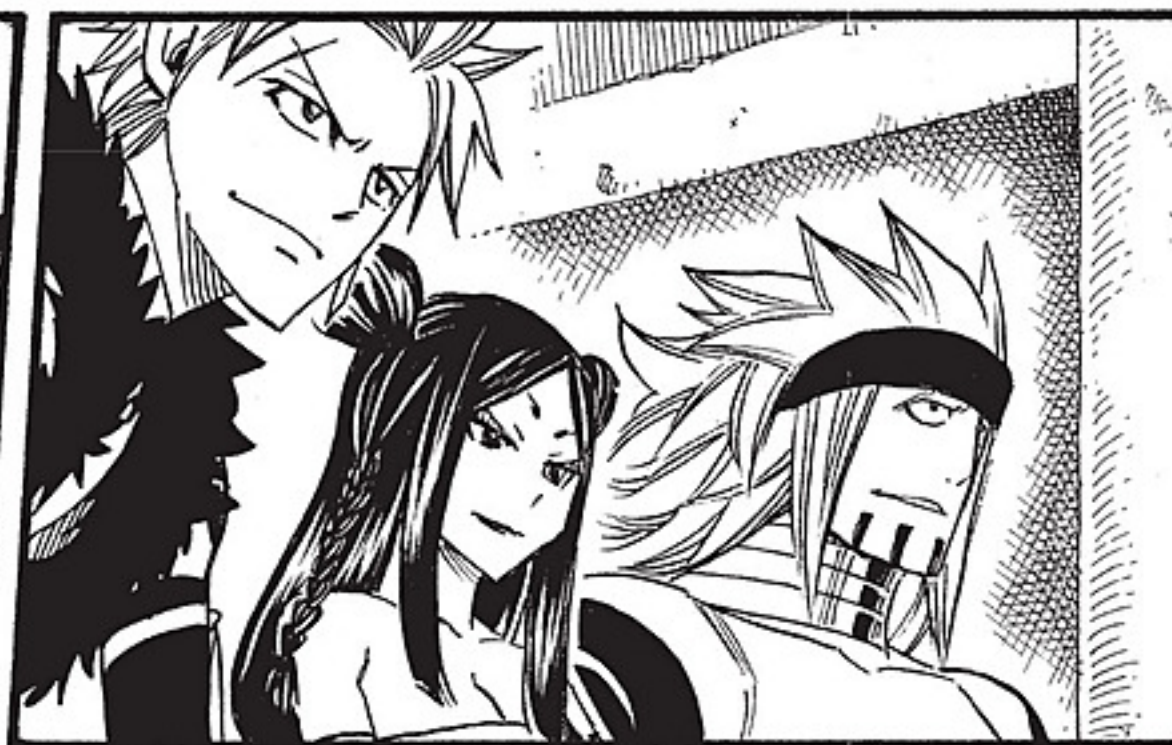


Memory
Make...

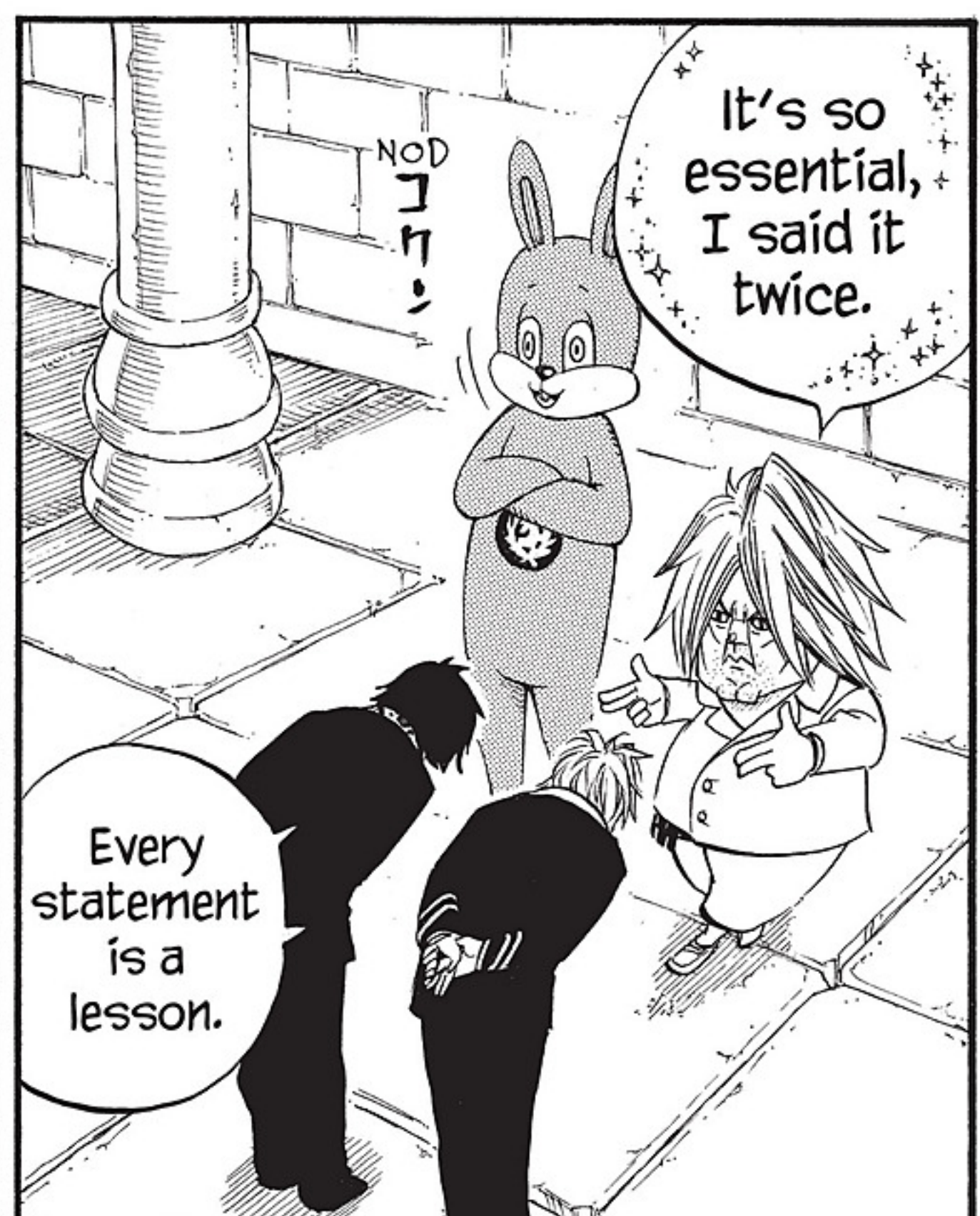
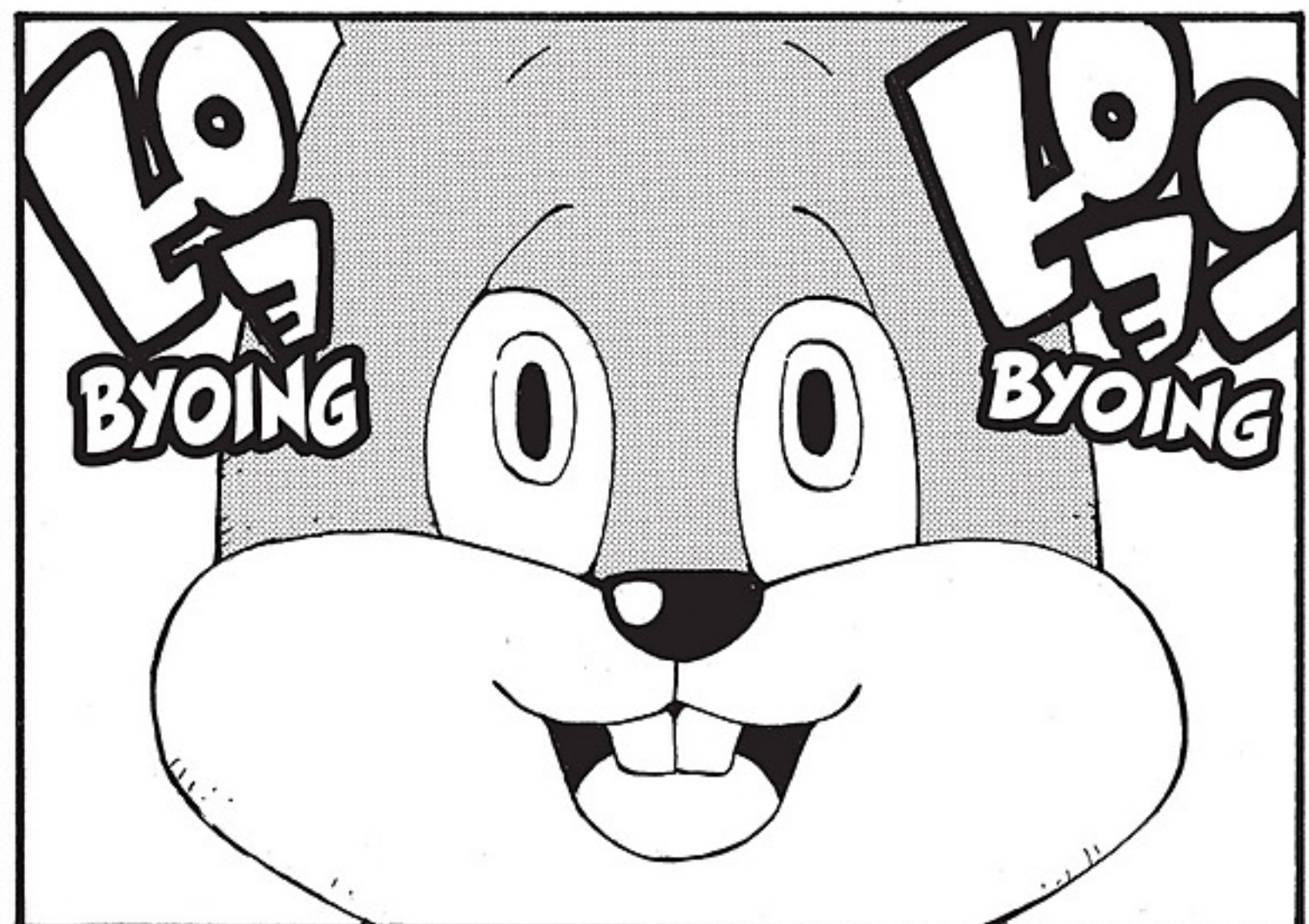
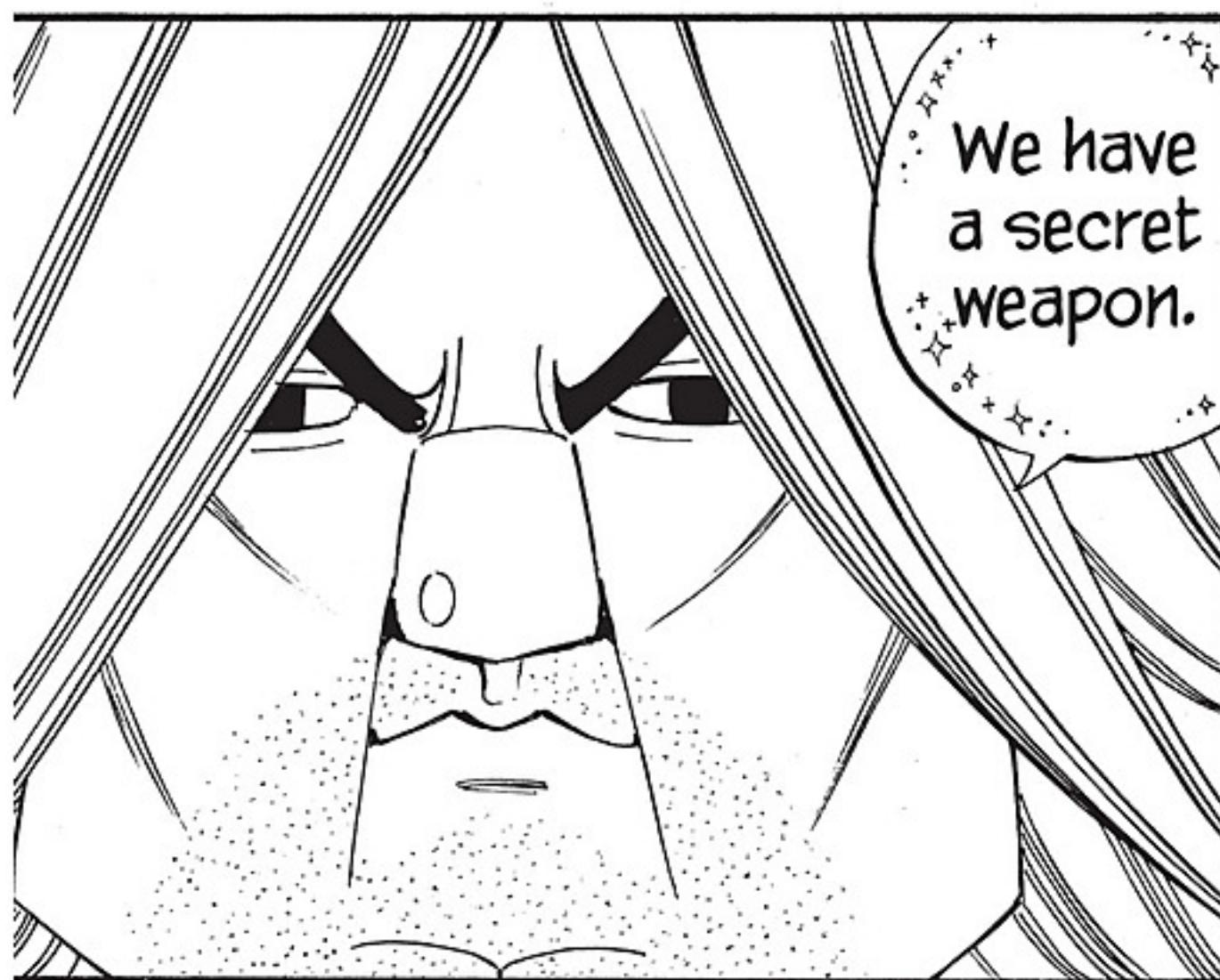
KLENCH



SLIP



It's my
job to
take
this guy
down!





**FAIRY TAIL
B'S LAXUS
DREYAR-**

VS.

**...RAVEN
TAIL'S
ALEXEI!**



But...Juvia has a bad feeling about this.

It *is* Laxus, after all.

There's nothing to worry about there.

Go get 'em, Laxus!

He's facing someone from Ivan's guild!

It's Laxus!!

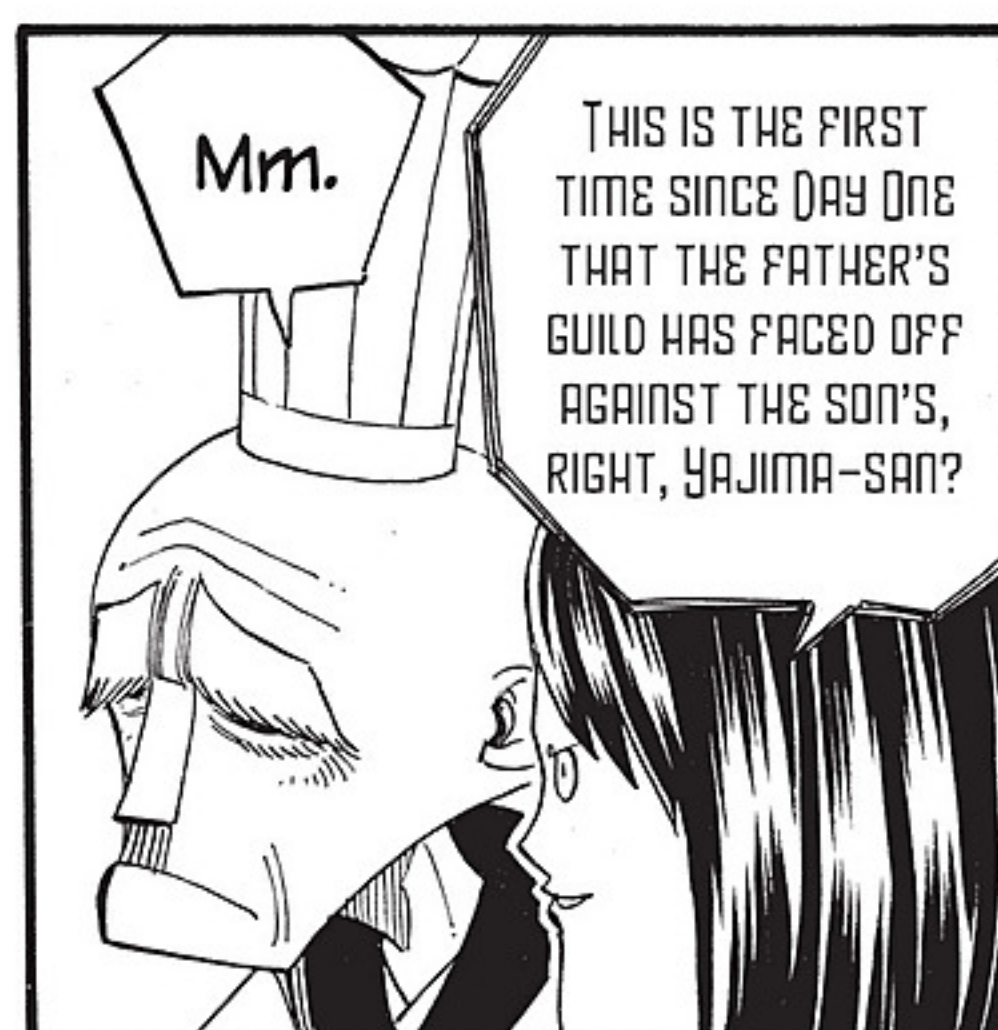


Watch Raven Tail's movement closely, and if you see anything suspicious, stop the match immediately.



Huh? Yes... A few. It was regulation.

Lahar-kun, do you have your men handy if you need them?



Mm.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE DAY ONE THAT THE FATHER'S GUILD HAS FACED OFF AGAINST THE SON'S, RIGHT, YAJIMA-SAN?



Master Ivan hasn't made any moves.

Roger that! Team Raijin Tribe + Lisanna... Do you copy?



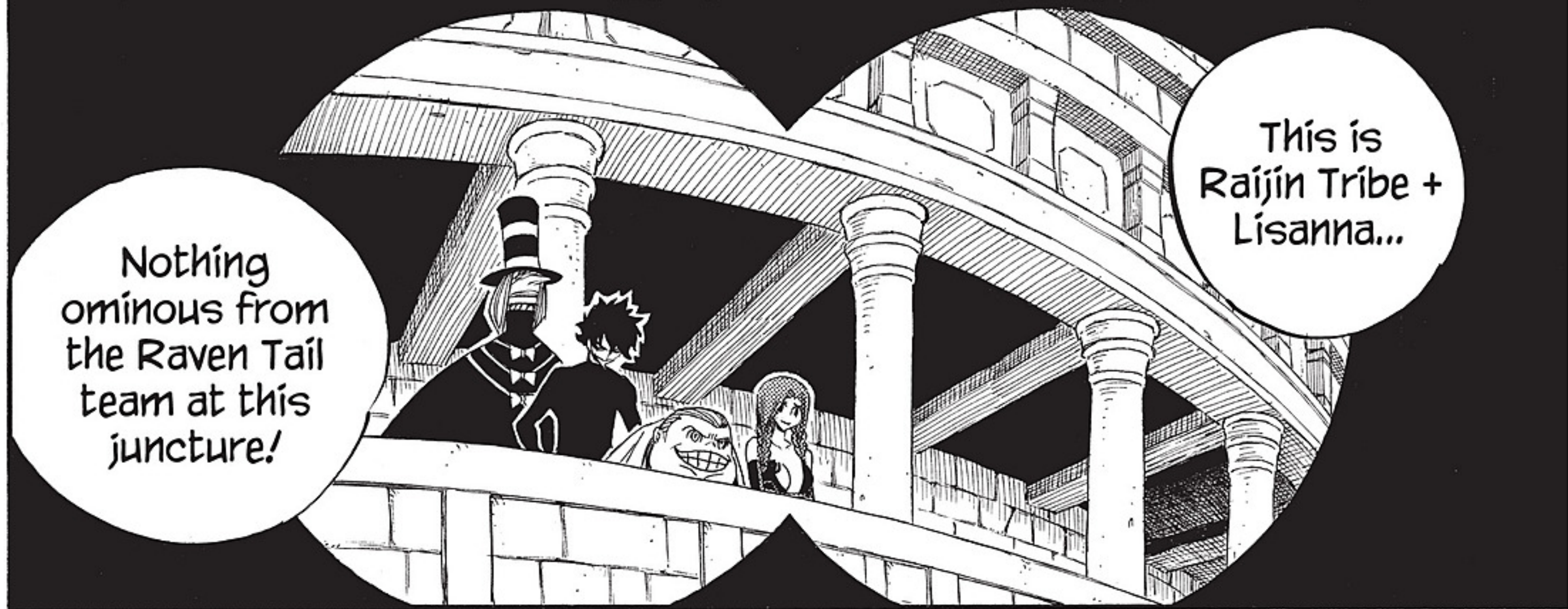
This is HQ. Bisca, do you read?

What's with the "HQ" stuff, Warren?



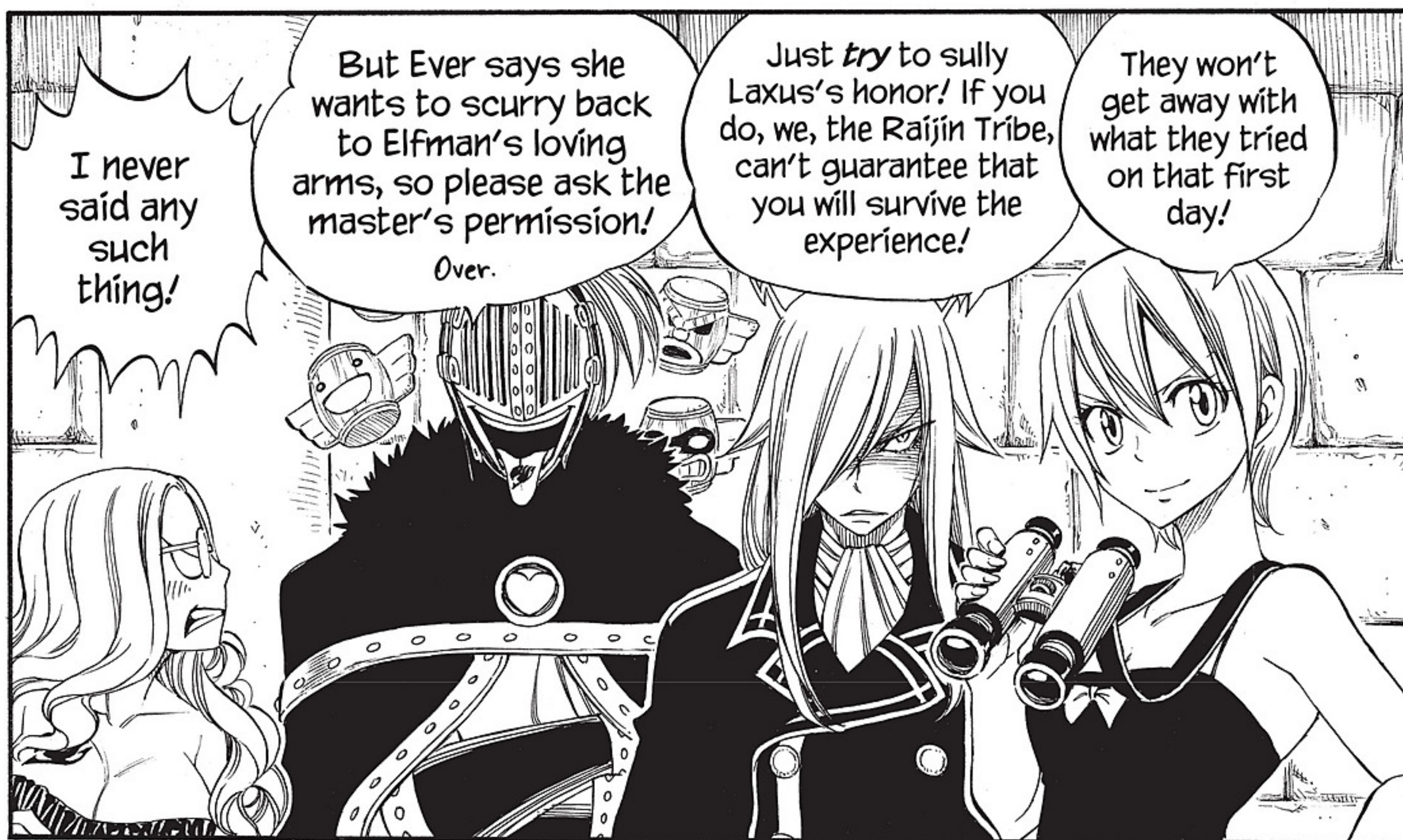
Roger!

Warren?



Nothing ominous from the Raven Tail team at this juncture!

This is Raijin Tribe + Lisanna...

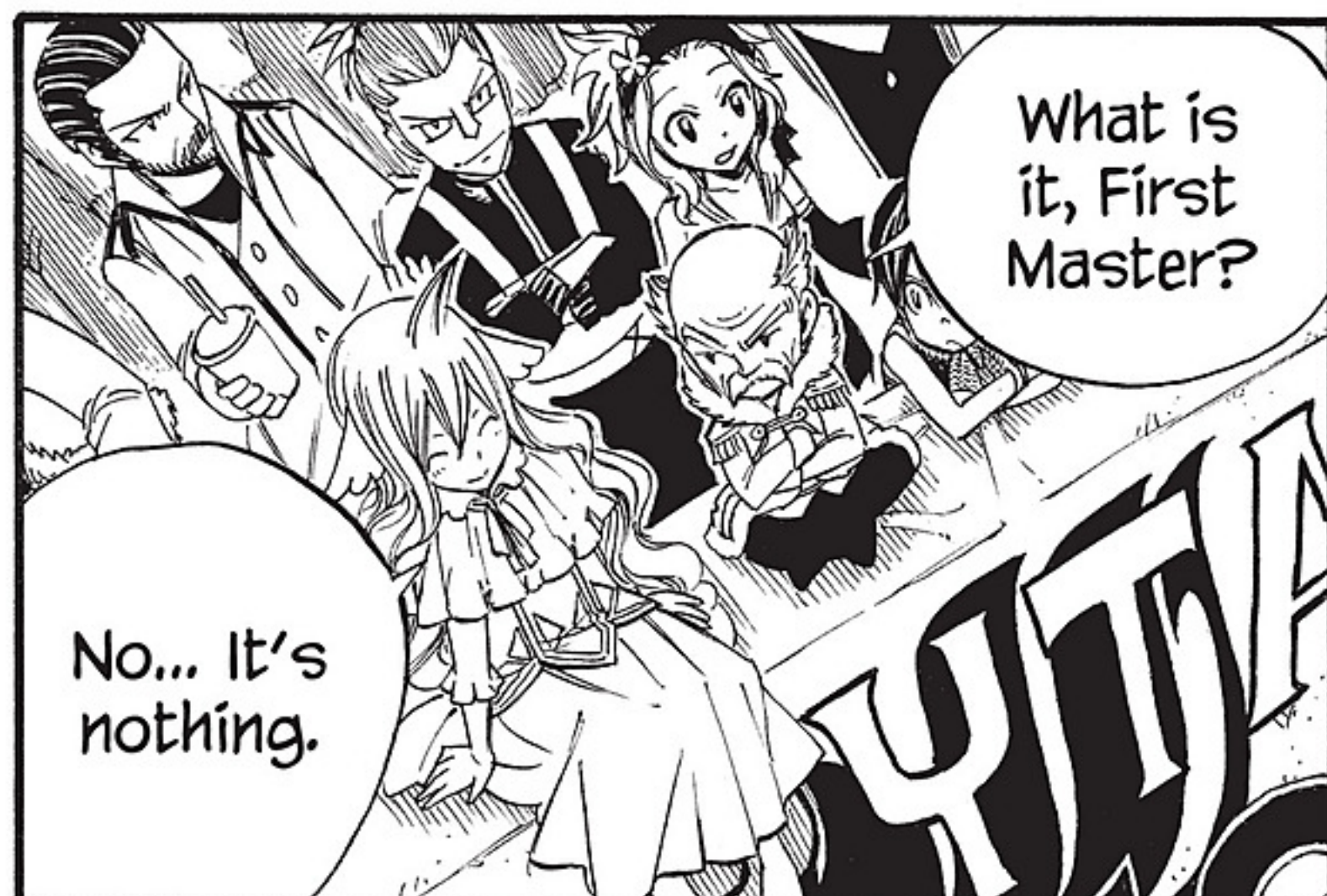


I never said any such thing!

But Ever says she wants to scurry back to Elfman's loving arms, so please ask the master's permission!
Over.

Just *try* to sully Laxus's honor! If you do, we, the Raijin Tribe, can't guarantee that you will survive the experience!

They won't get away with what they tried on that first day!



No... It's nothing.

What is it, First Master?



Tee hee!

Ivan... I won't allow any more cowardly acts!



It's wonderful.



And... something about this whole situation seems fun to me!



You're doing all sorts of things to protect your friends ...

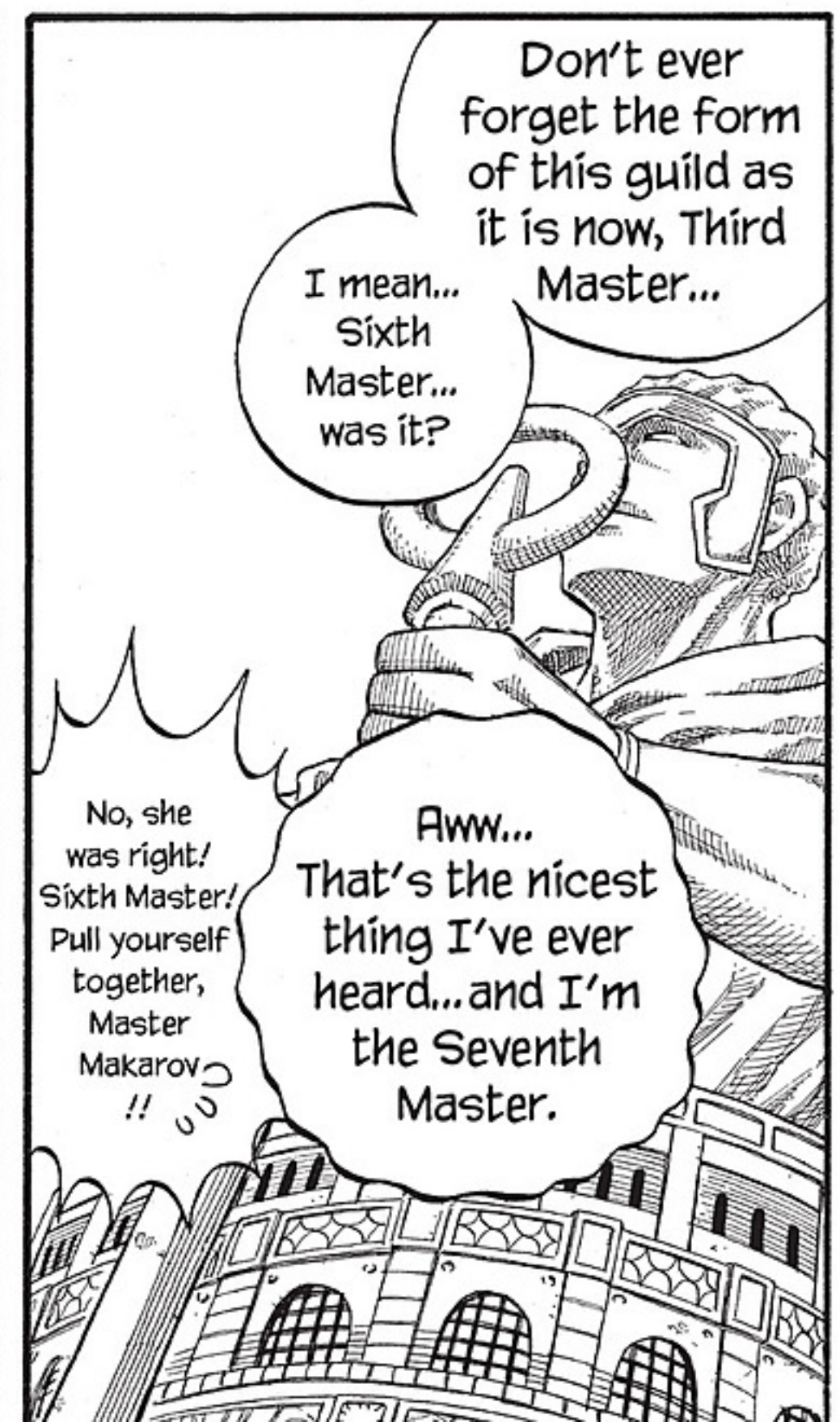


...is right here, before my eyes.

The ultimate form that I was aiming to create...



If you'll both... step forward...

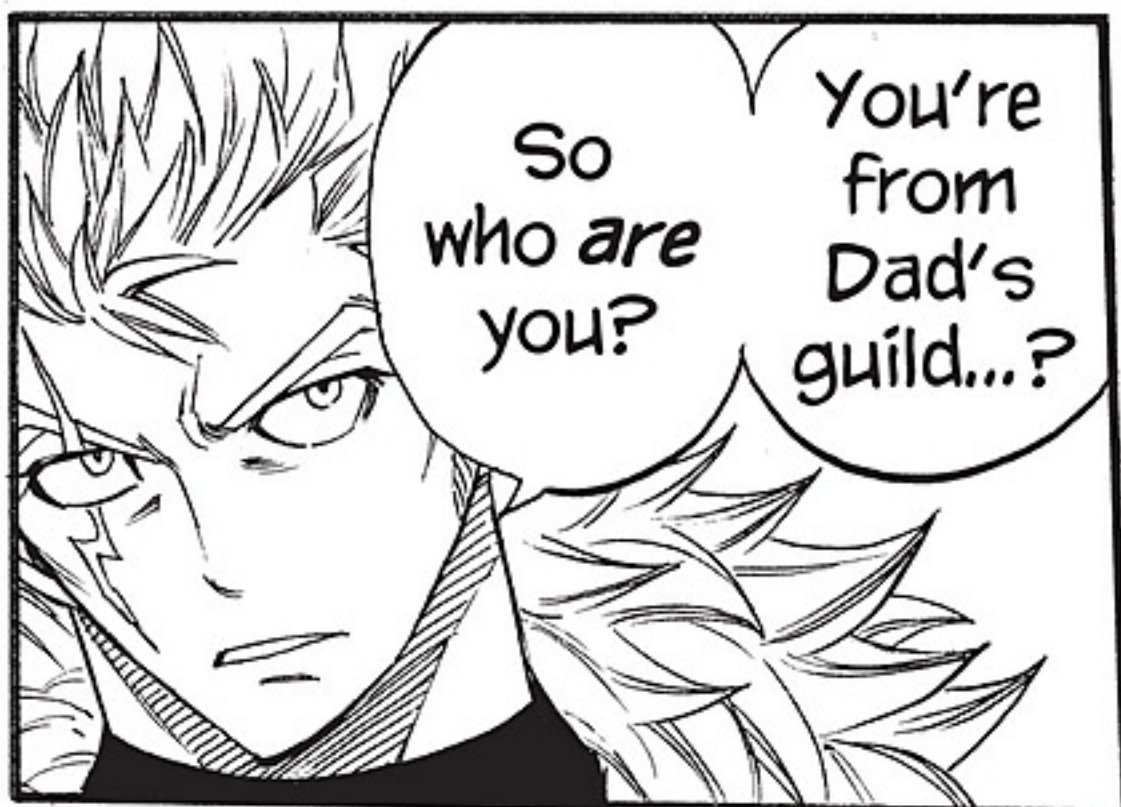


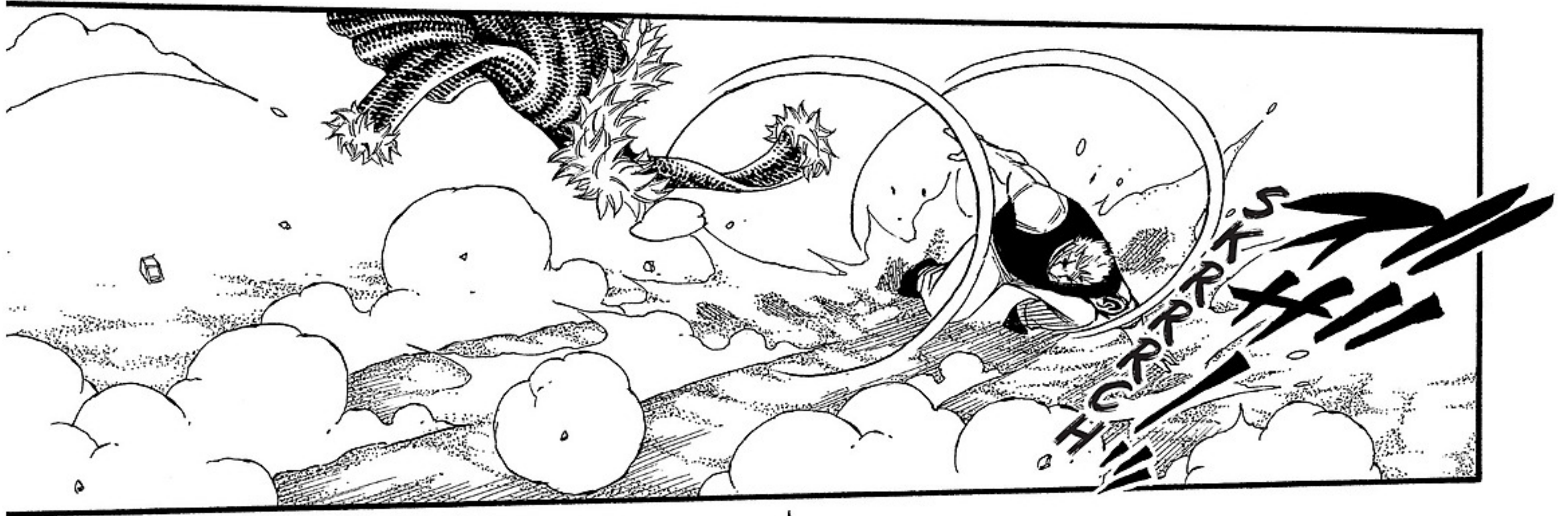
Don't ever forget the form of this guild as it is now, Third Master...

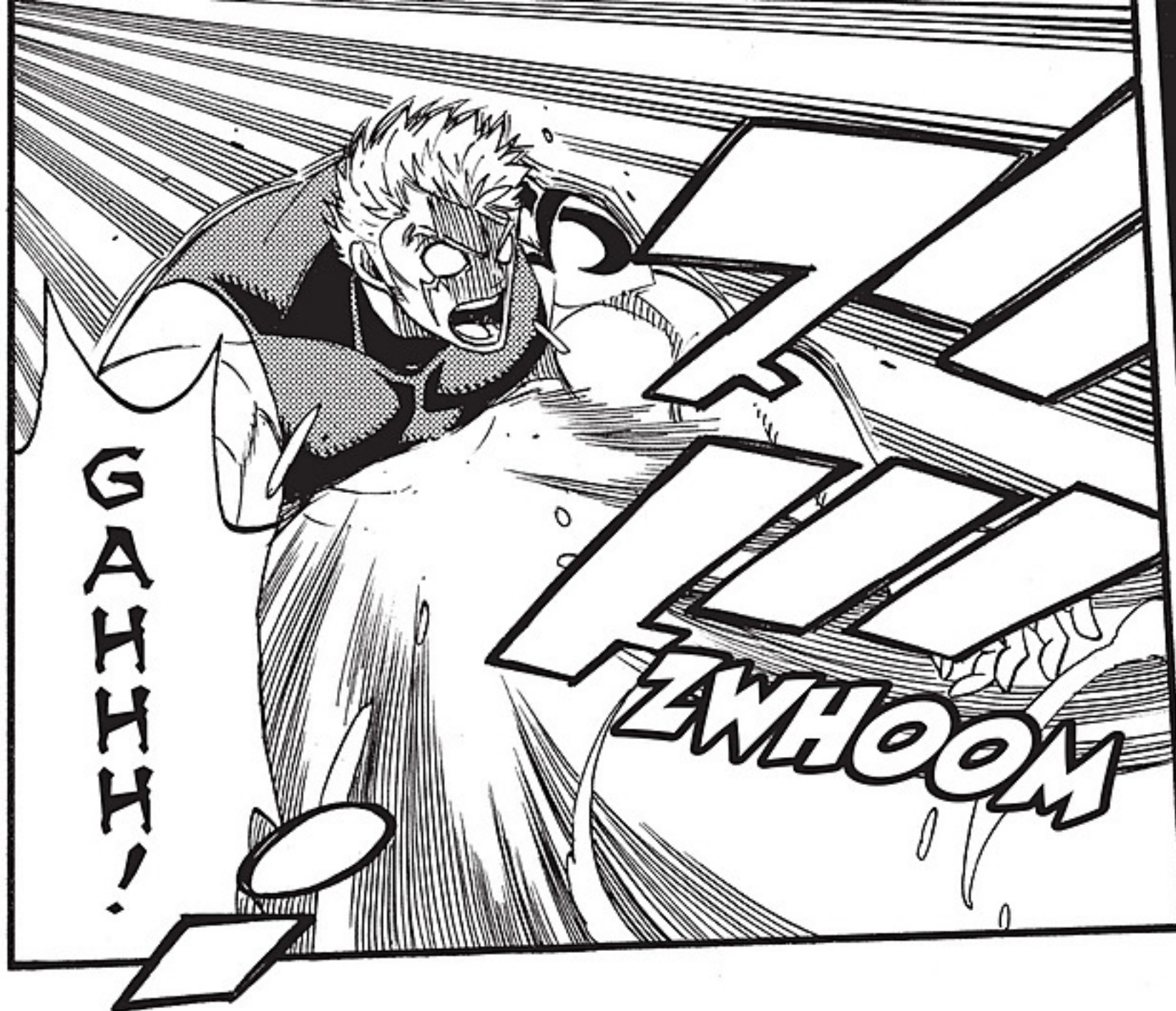
I mean... Sixth Master... was it?

No, she was right! Sixth Master! Pull yourself together, Master Makarov!!

Aww... That's the nicest thing I've ever heard...and I'm the Seventh Master.









This is not possible!! Not for Laxus!! Come on, get serious, please!!

They're not doing anything either...I think.

Raijin Tribe + Lisanna!!

Dammit!



Bisca !!

Ivan hasn't moved!



How can *Laxus* get beaten, and in such a one-sided match...?!



Exactly. Our desire is not to "win" here.

The illusion is simply to blind the eyes of the others.



Hey! You're not making sense here!

What good's it going to do you to win an *illusory* battle?



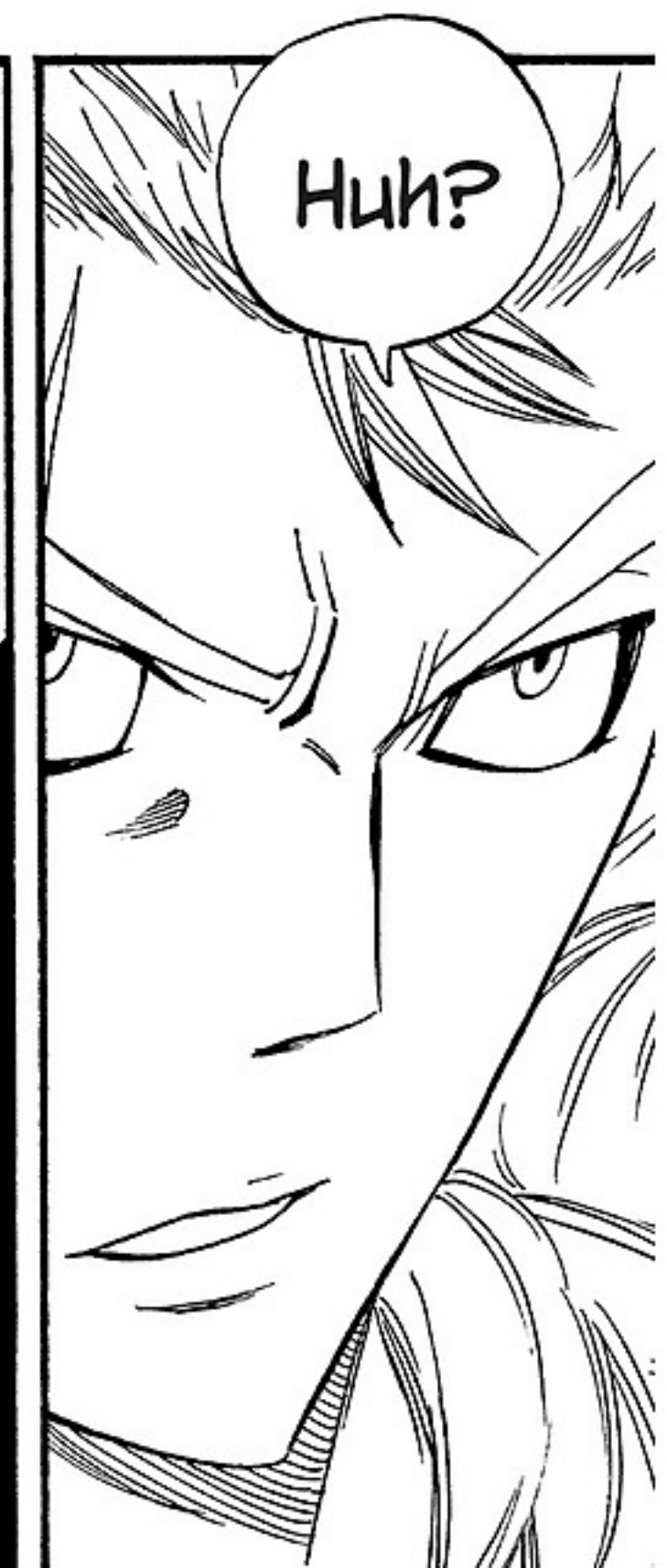
I understand that the guild was begging to have you back.

I wonder what they think now that they see you in this state.

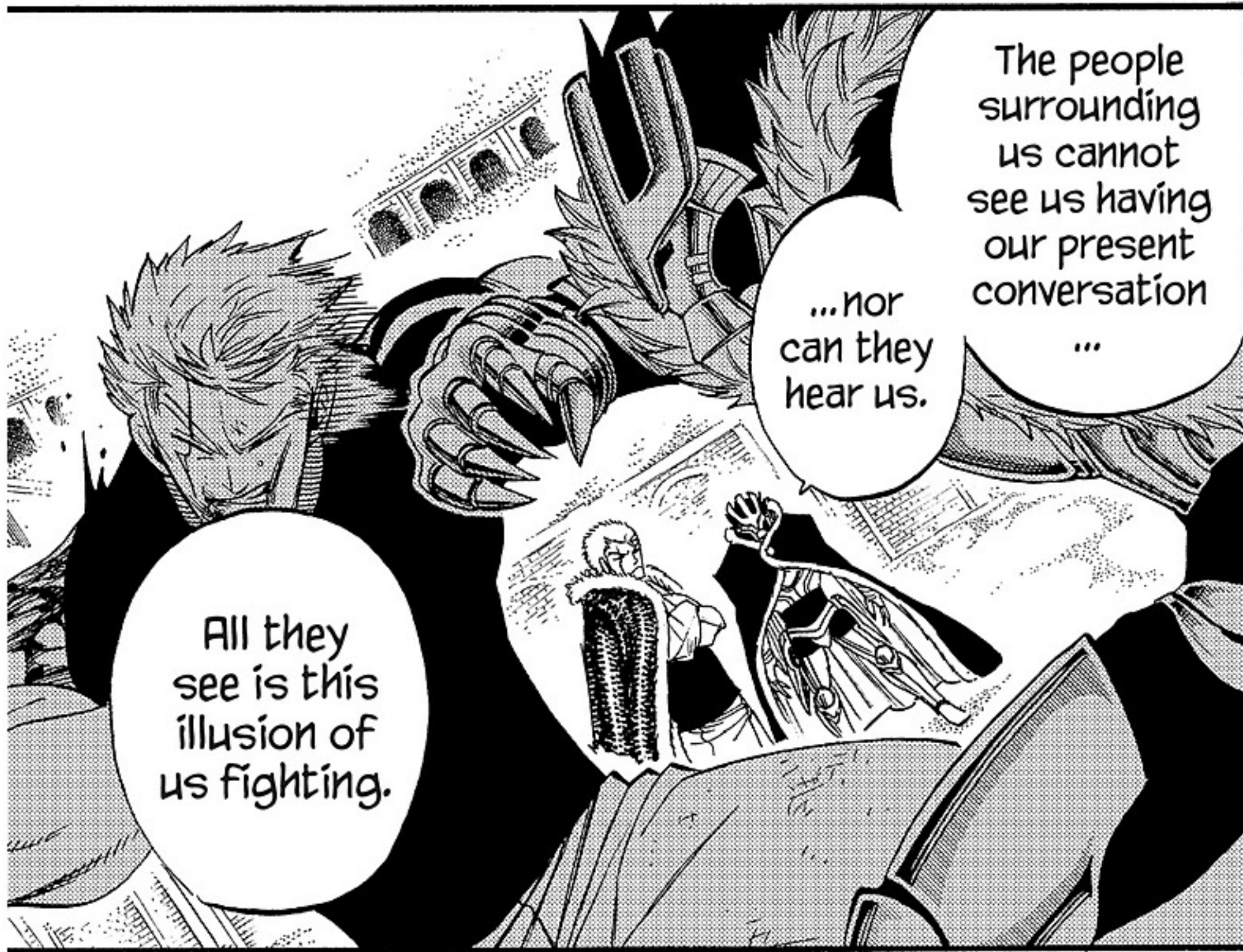


Depending on our negotiations, I can arrange for you to win this match.

An illusion is an illusion. I can change the results as I see fit.



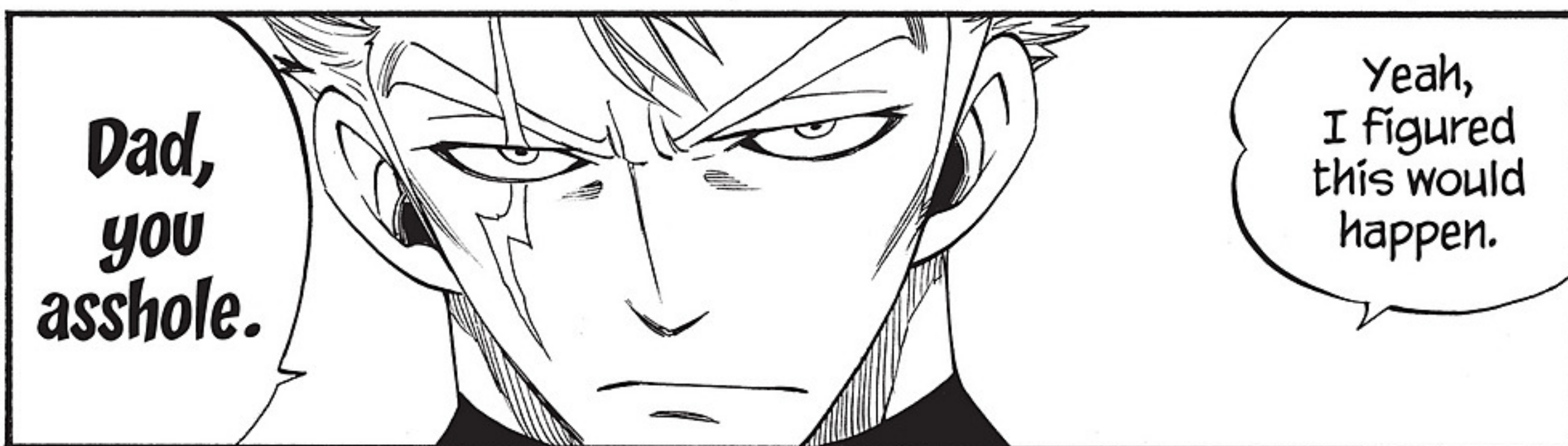
Huh?







I think
you know how
powerful I am,
don't you?
*Idiot son of
mine!*



**Dad,
you
asshole.**

Yeah,
I figured
this would
happen.



Why
don't
you
tell me
now?



Makarov
will die
without ever
telling...

...but
you're
different.





**Tell me
where Lumen
Histoire is!**



Well
anyway,
even if I *did*
know, I'd
never tell
you.

Not
possible.
You have to
know!



No need to
feign ignorance
with me!
Makarov *must*
have told you
where it is!

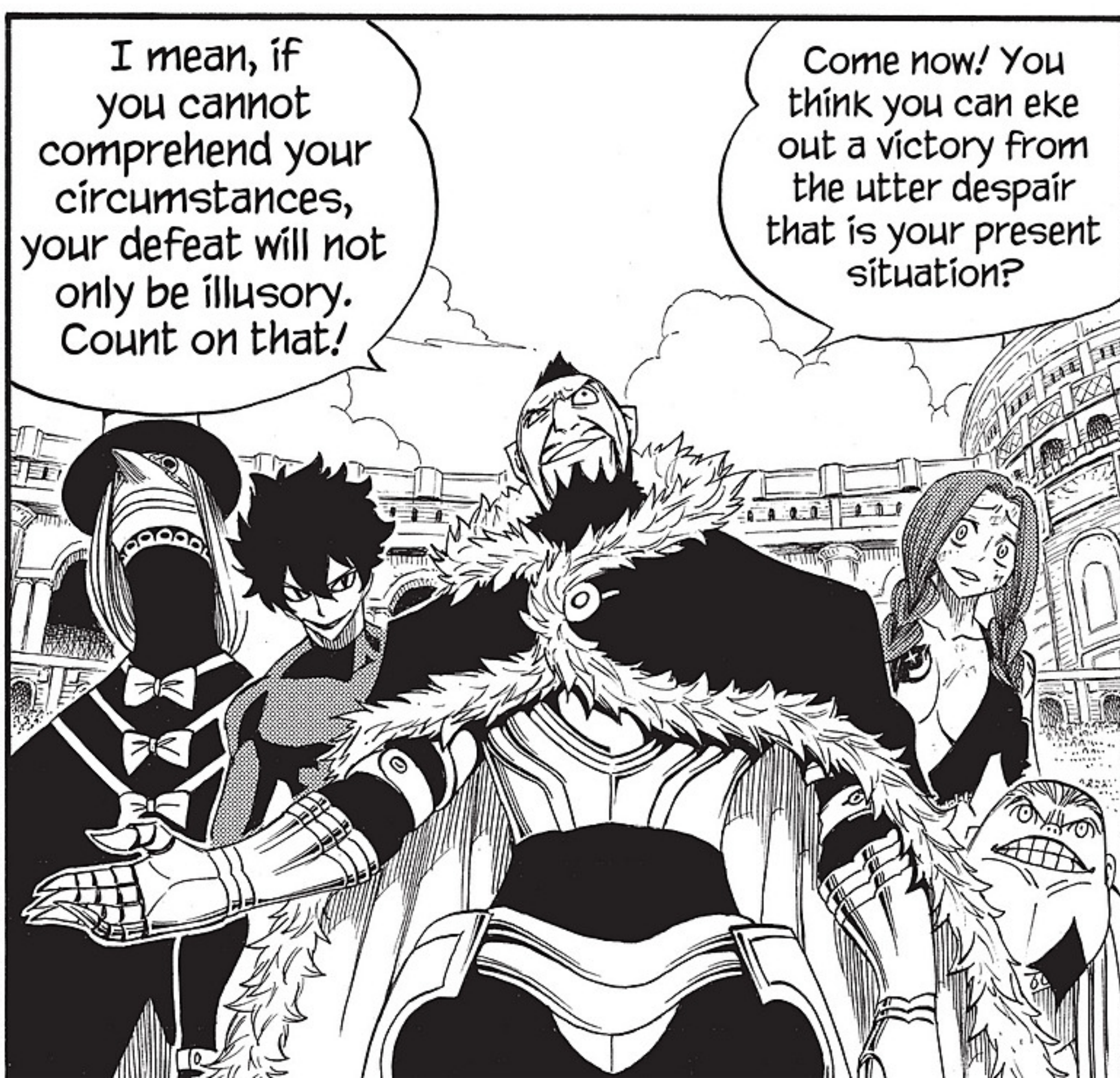
No.
Really.
No clue
here.



What're
you
talking
about?



You're always
making yourself
the biggest pain
in the ass you
can be, huh? I
can see why the
old fart cut you
loose.



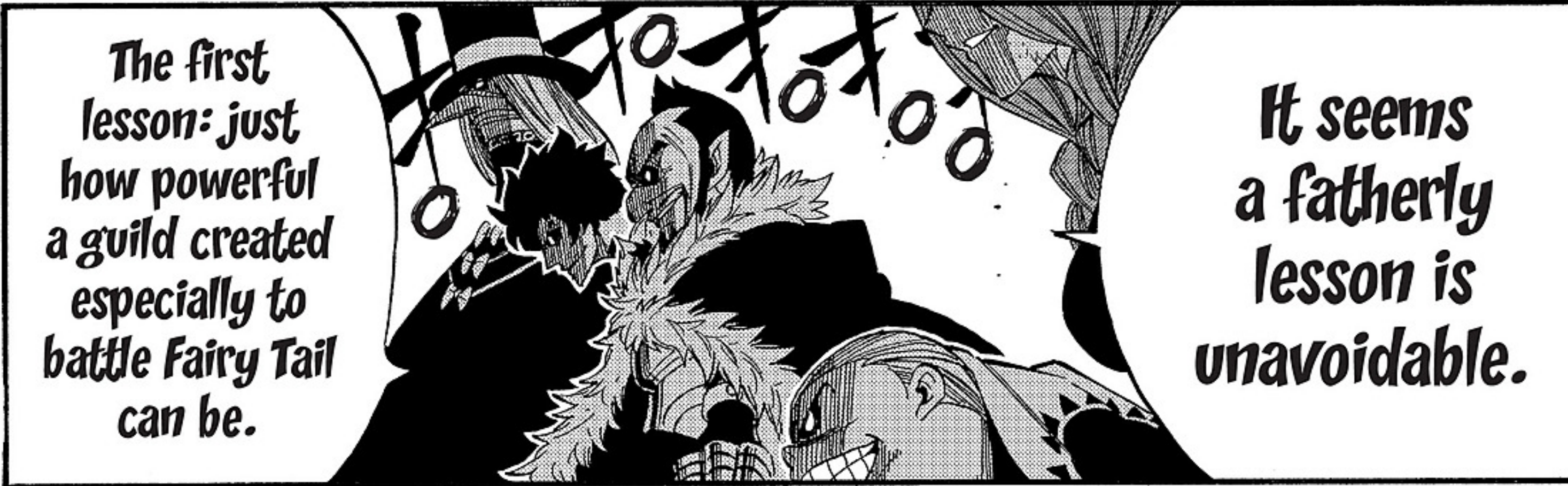
I mean, if
you cannot
comprehend your
circumstances,
your defeat will not
only be illusory.
Count on that!

Come now! You
think you can eke
out a victory from
the utter despair
that is your present
situation?



**Come
at me. All
of you at
once.**

**The
master's
enemies
are my
enemies!**



**The first
lesson: just
how powerful
a guild created
especially to
battle Fairy Tail
can be.**

**It seems
a fatherly
lesson is
unavoidable.**

Fairy Tail

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 287: True Family







What?!

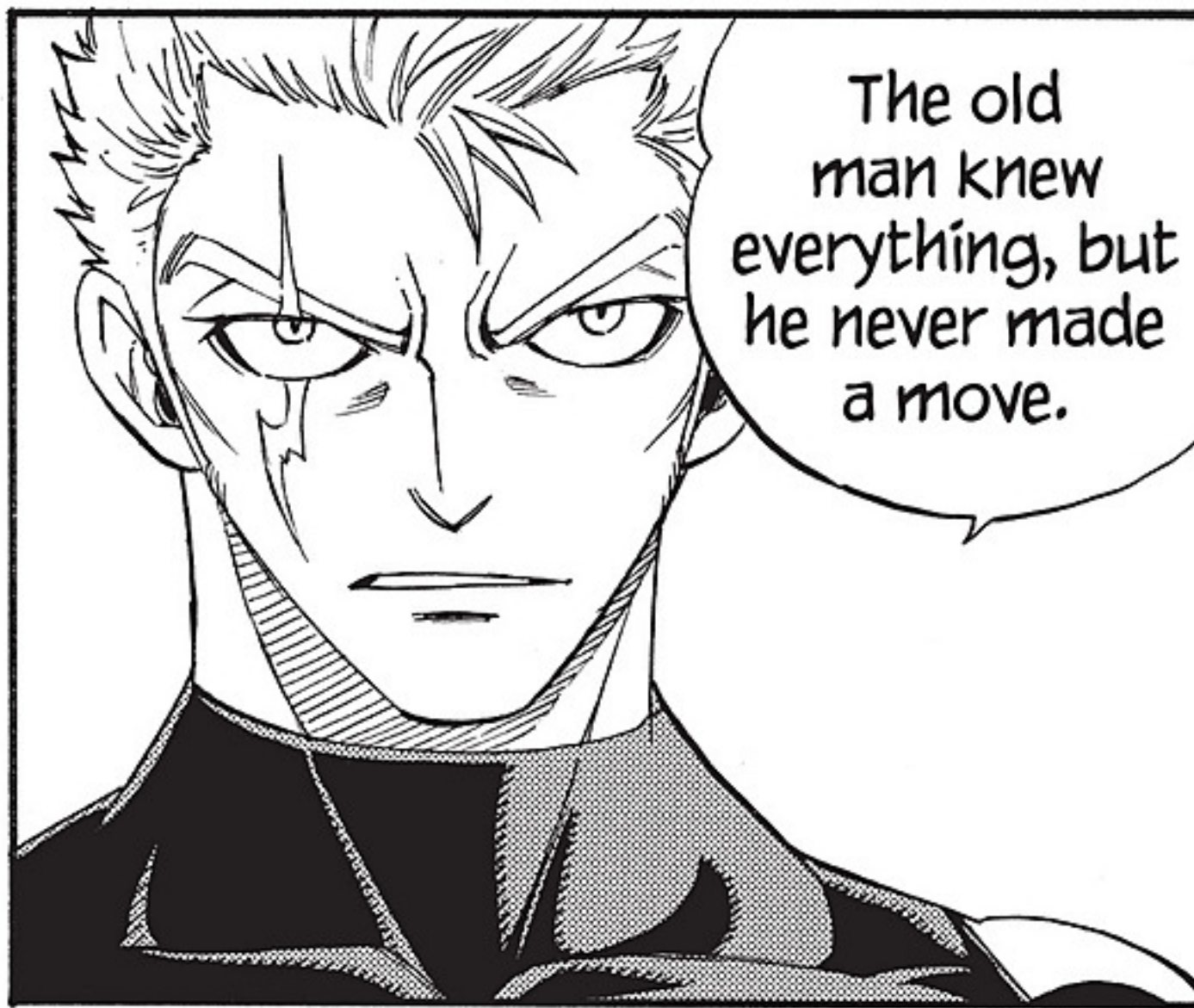


...what you've been doing over the past seven years. He knows everything.

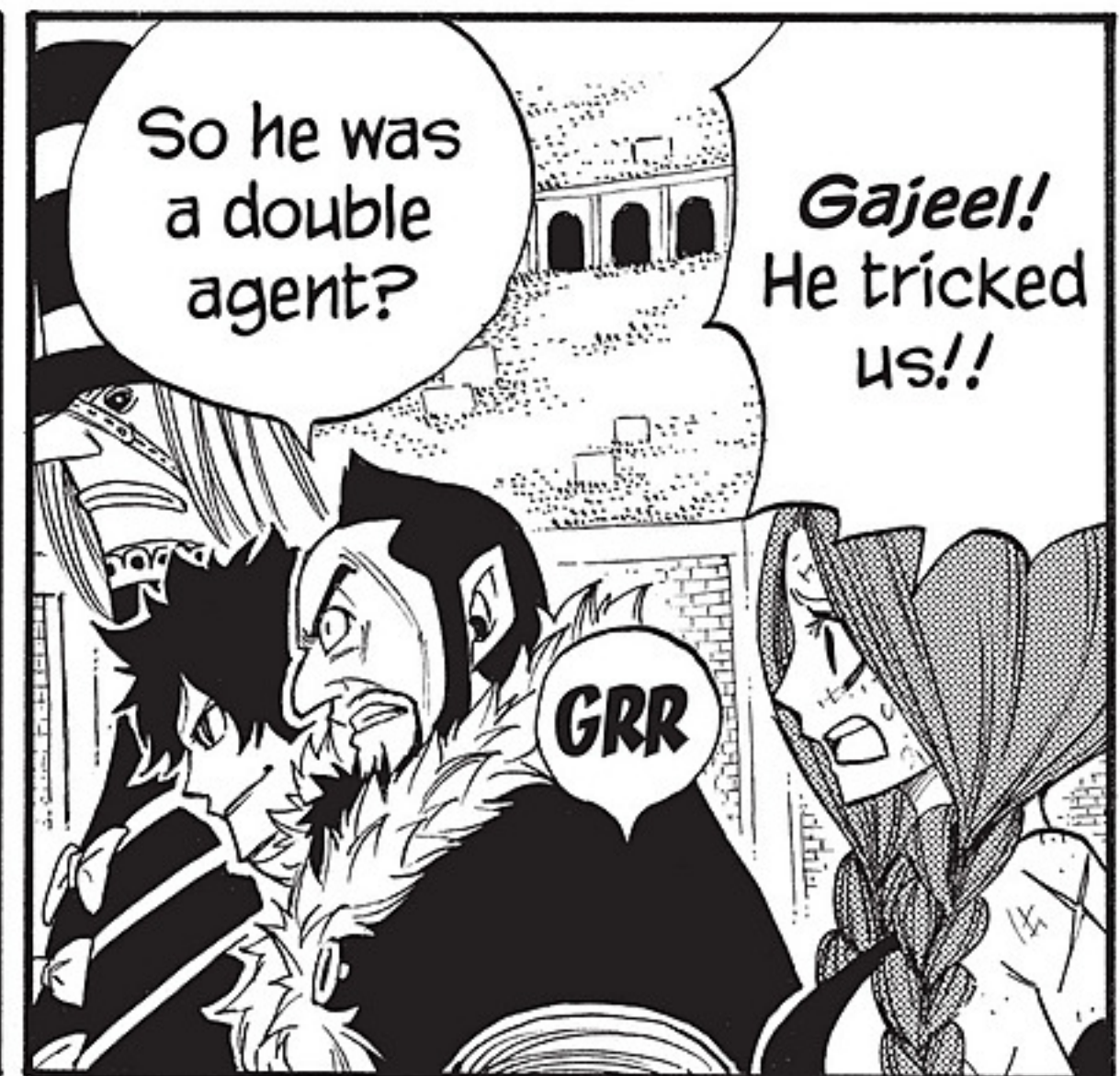
Your numbers, guild location, operating expenses...



Yeah, the old man had you sussed out a long time ago.



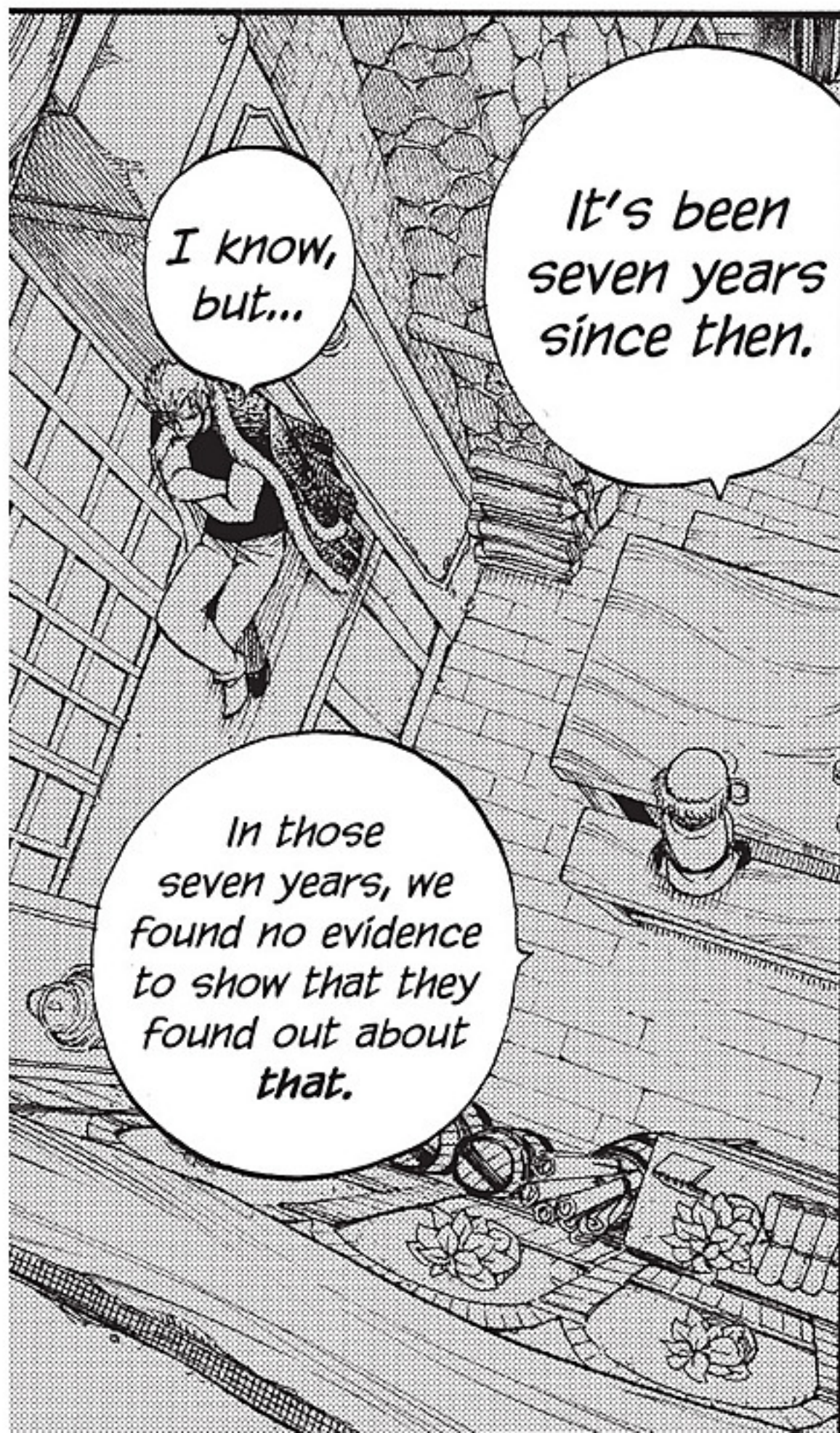
The old man knew everything, but he never made a move.



So he was a double agent?

Gajeel!
He tricked us!!

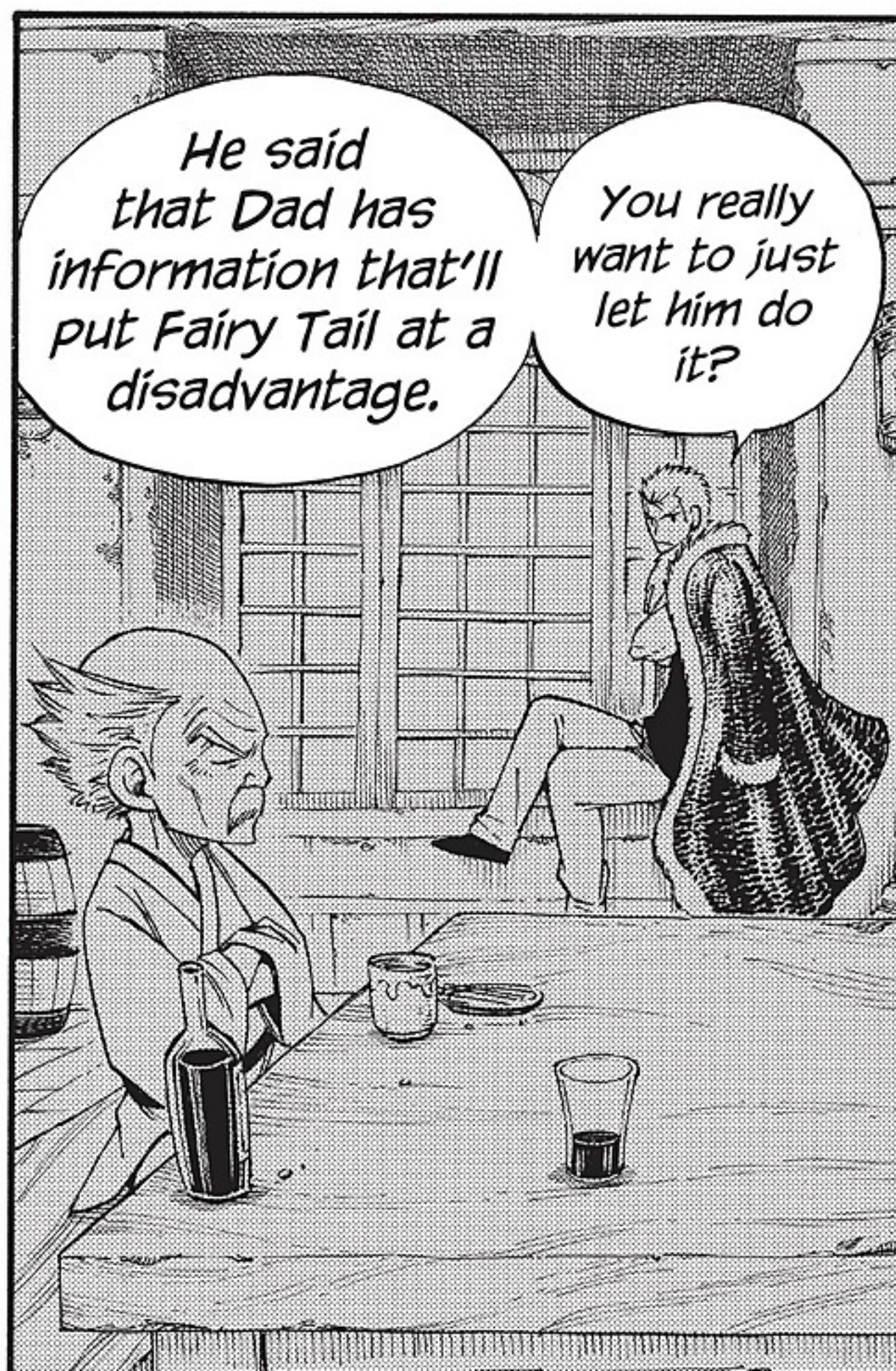
GRR



I know, but...

It's been seven years since then.

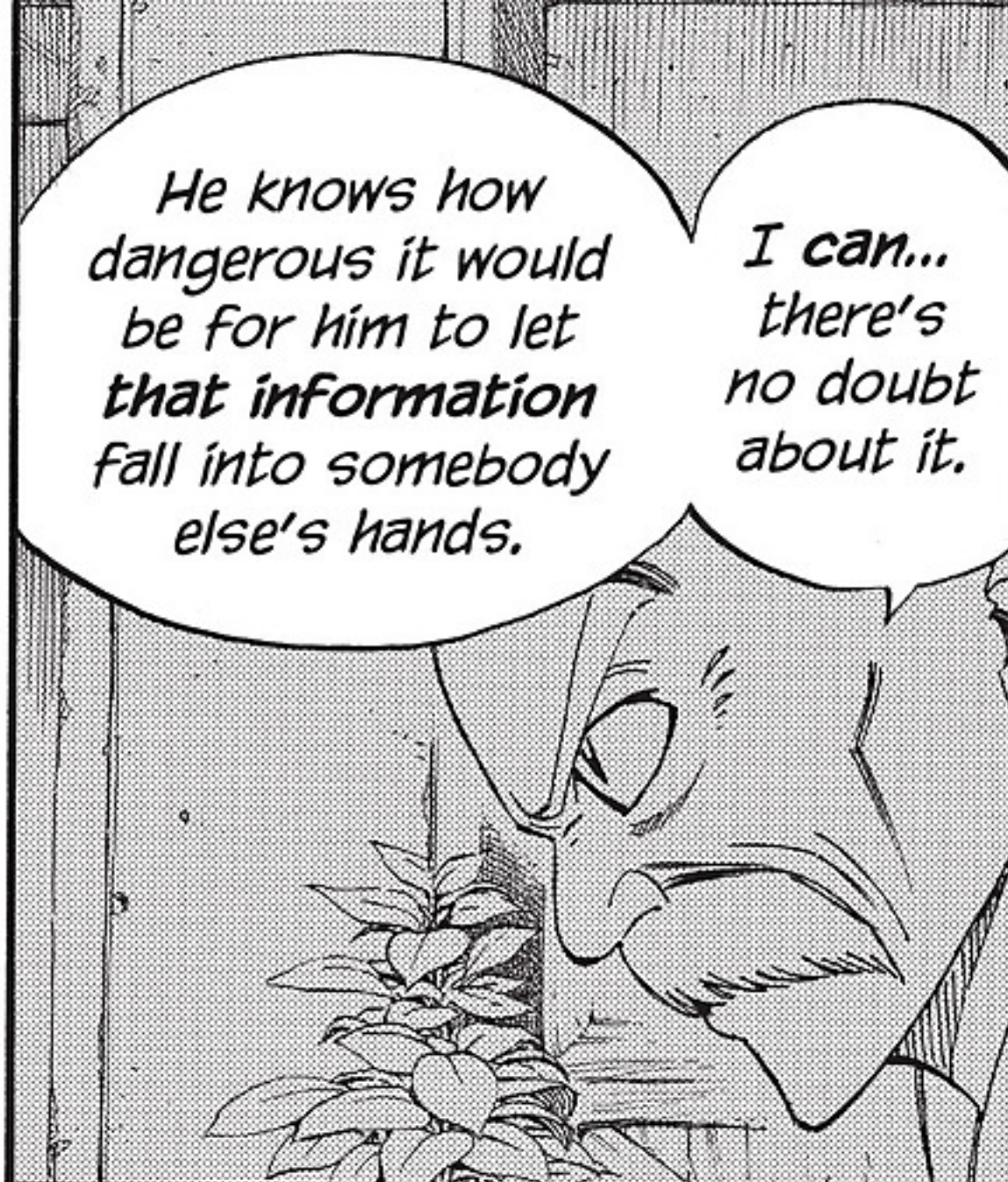
In those seven years, we found no evidence to show that they found out about that.



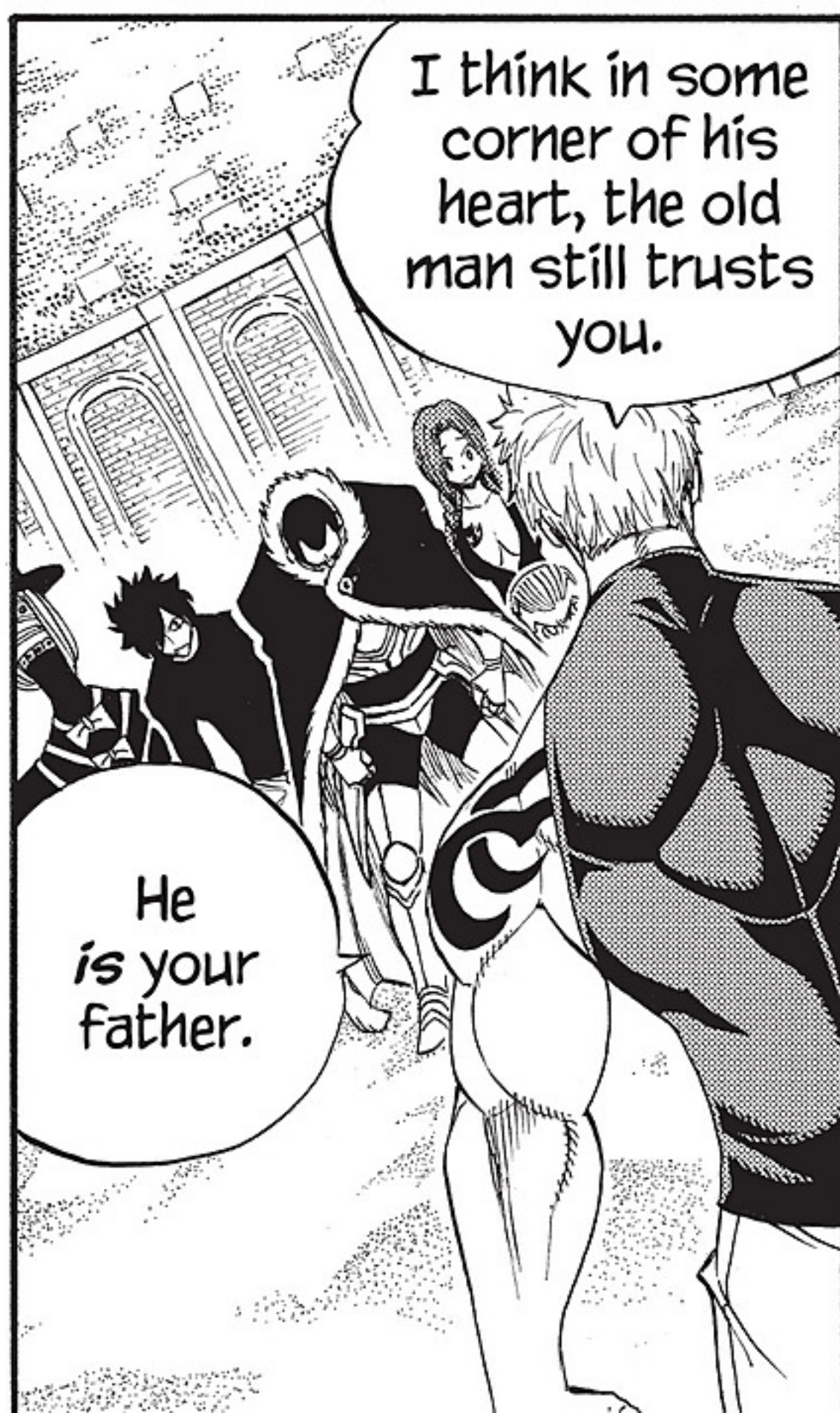
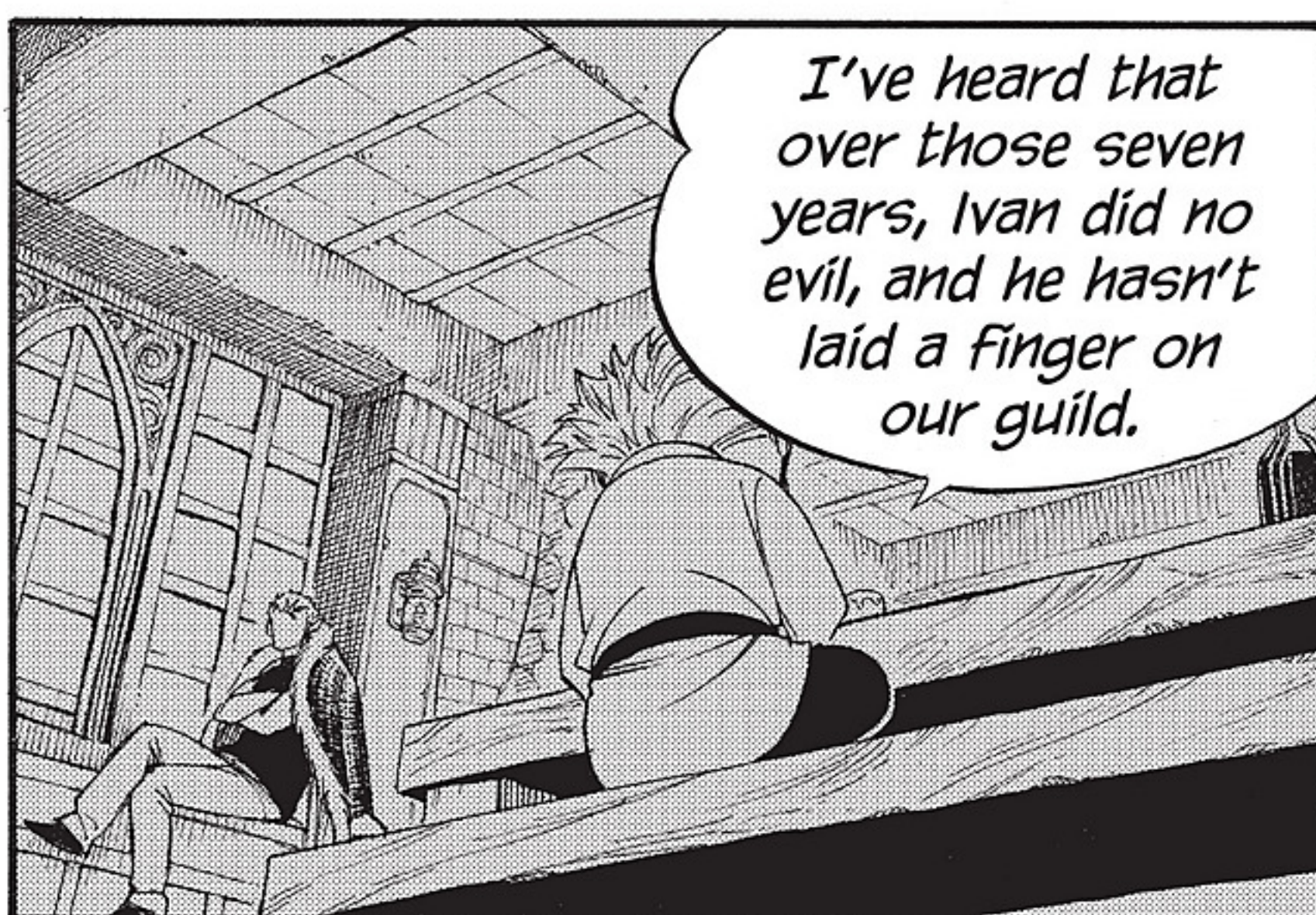
He said that Dad has information that'll put Fairy Tail at a disadvantage.

You really want to just let him do it?





You can't be certain.



He is your father.



...then I don't intend to go stirring up any trouble either.



**You're
my son,
right
?!!!**

**Tell me
now,
Lexus
!!!!**



SLIT

SLIT

I searched
inside the guild!!
All through
Magnolia!! On Sirius
Island!! Every place
with the slightest
connection to
the guild!!



**Where
is it
?!!!**

**Where is
Lumen
Histoire
?!!**

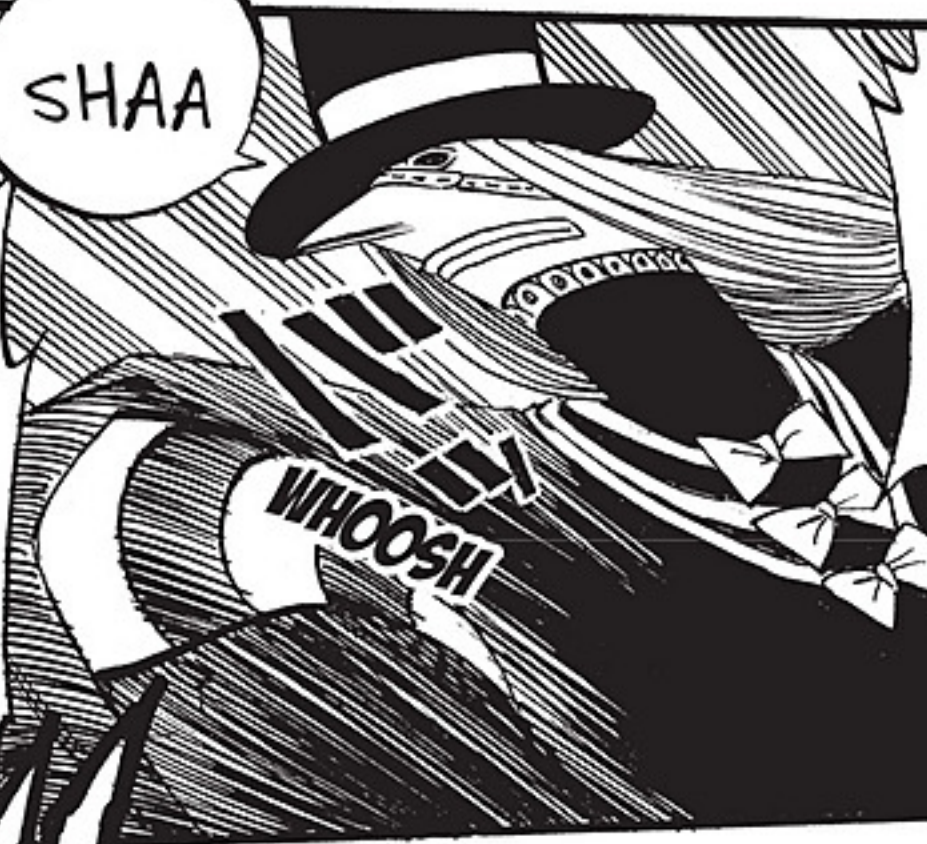
**And
I never
found it!!!**



**So he's the
guy who did
in Wendy and
Carla?!**

**Now is the
time to
release the
power of
the guild
created to
fight Fairy
Tail!!!**

SHAA

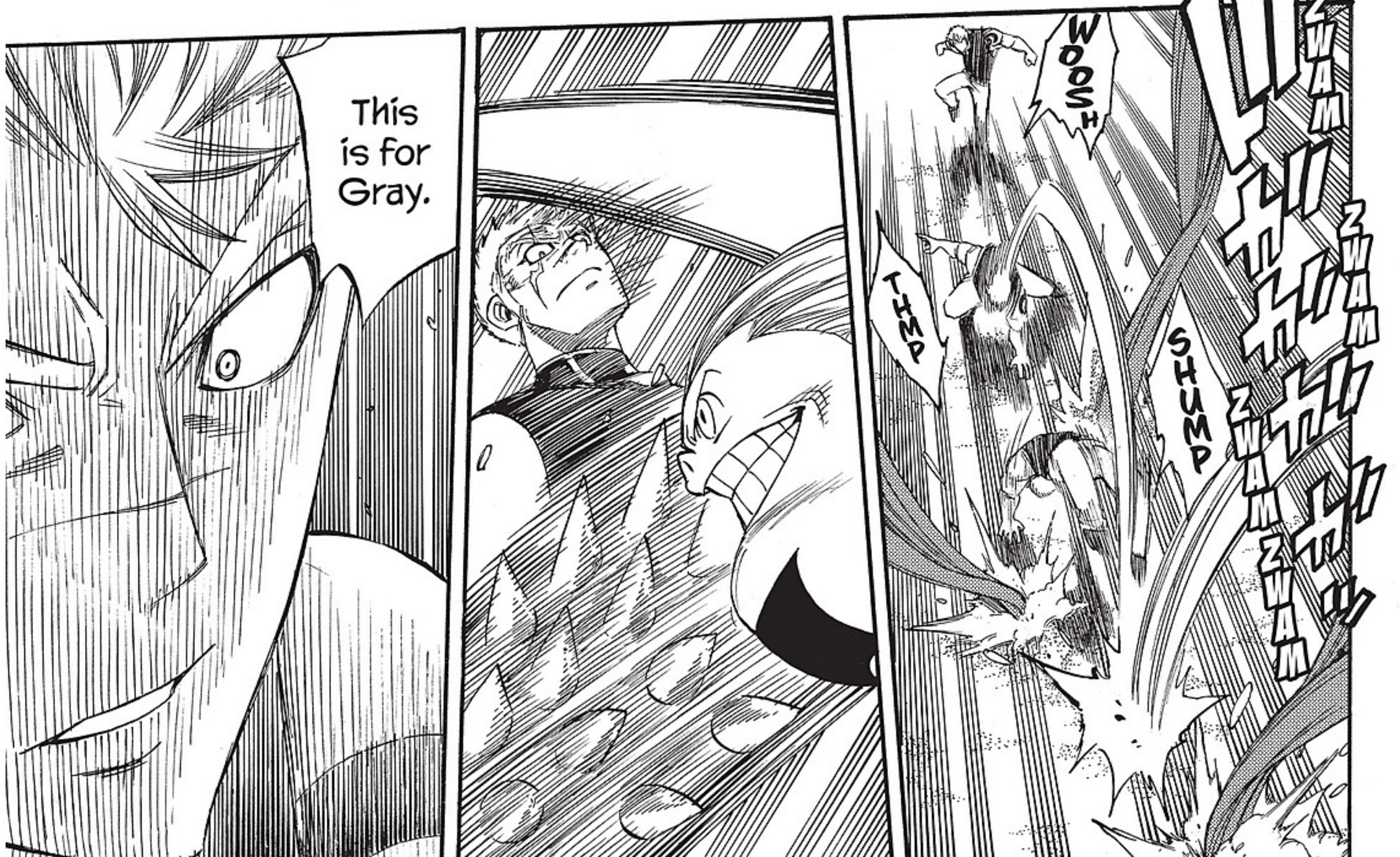
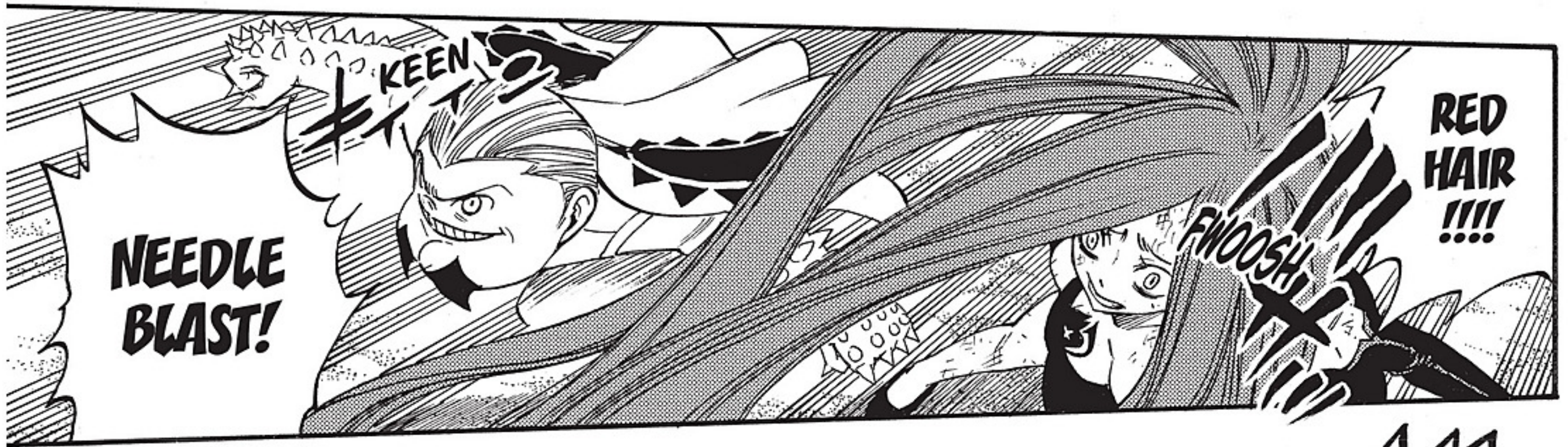
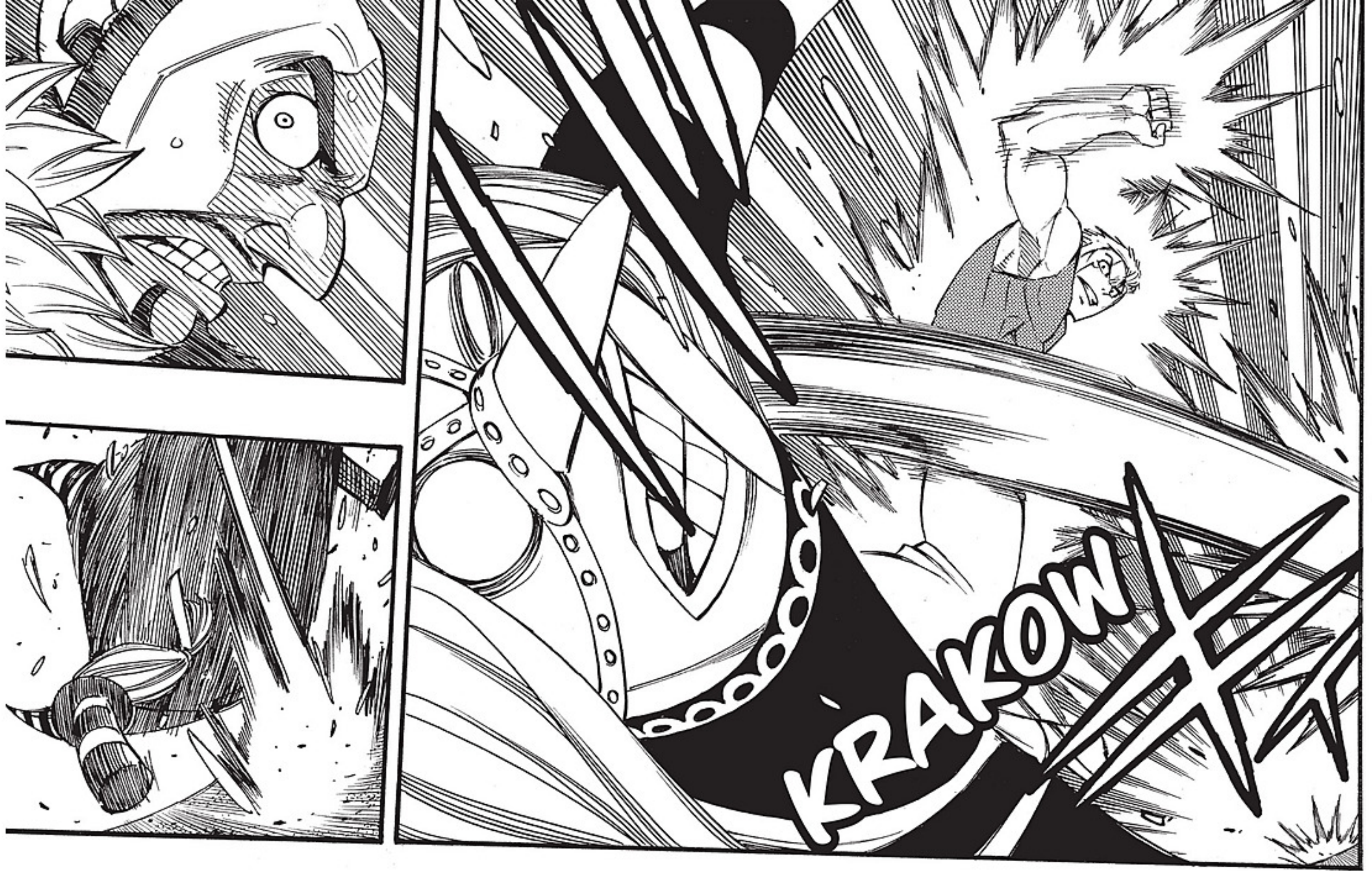


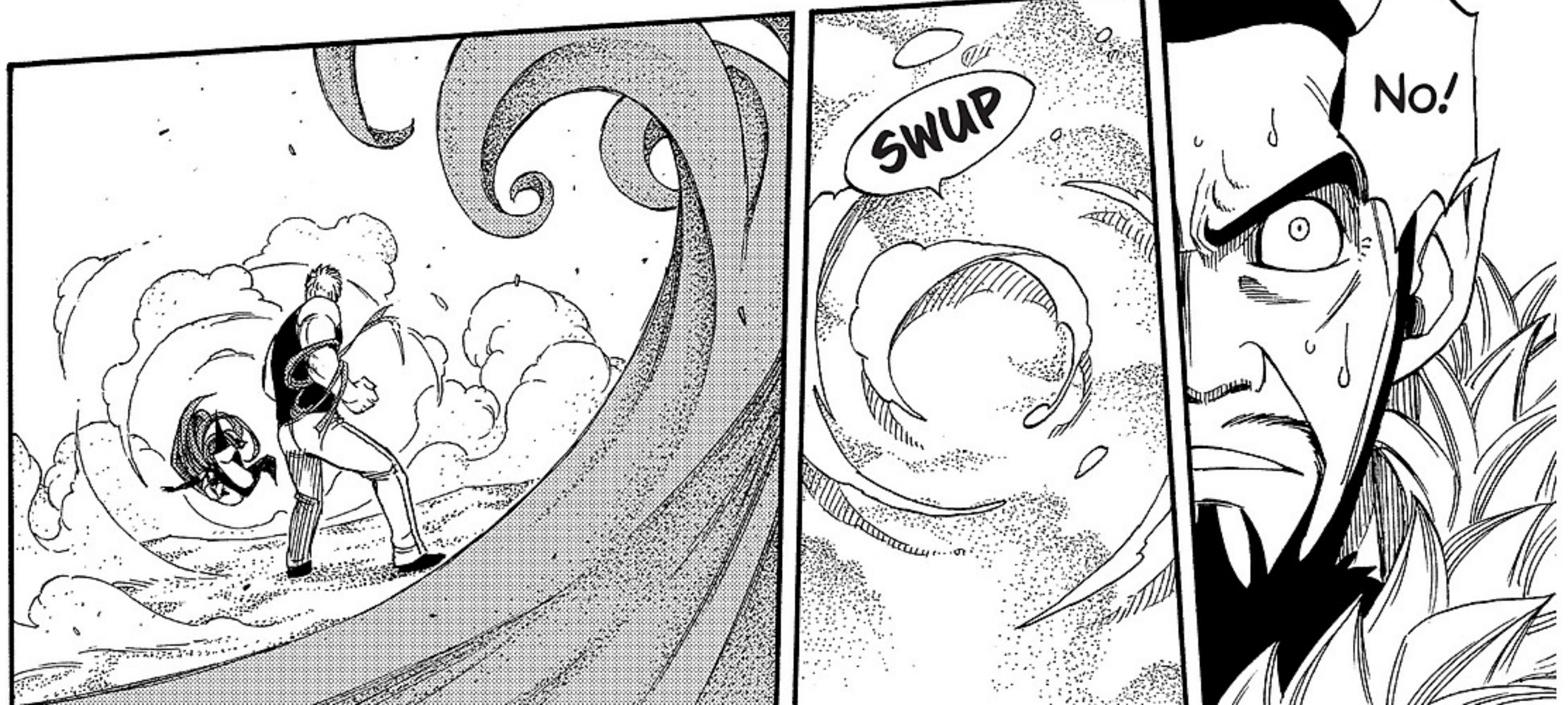
WHOOOSH

**Obra,
now!!
Eliminate
his magic
!!!**



zunoom

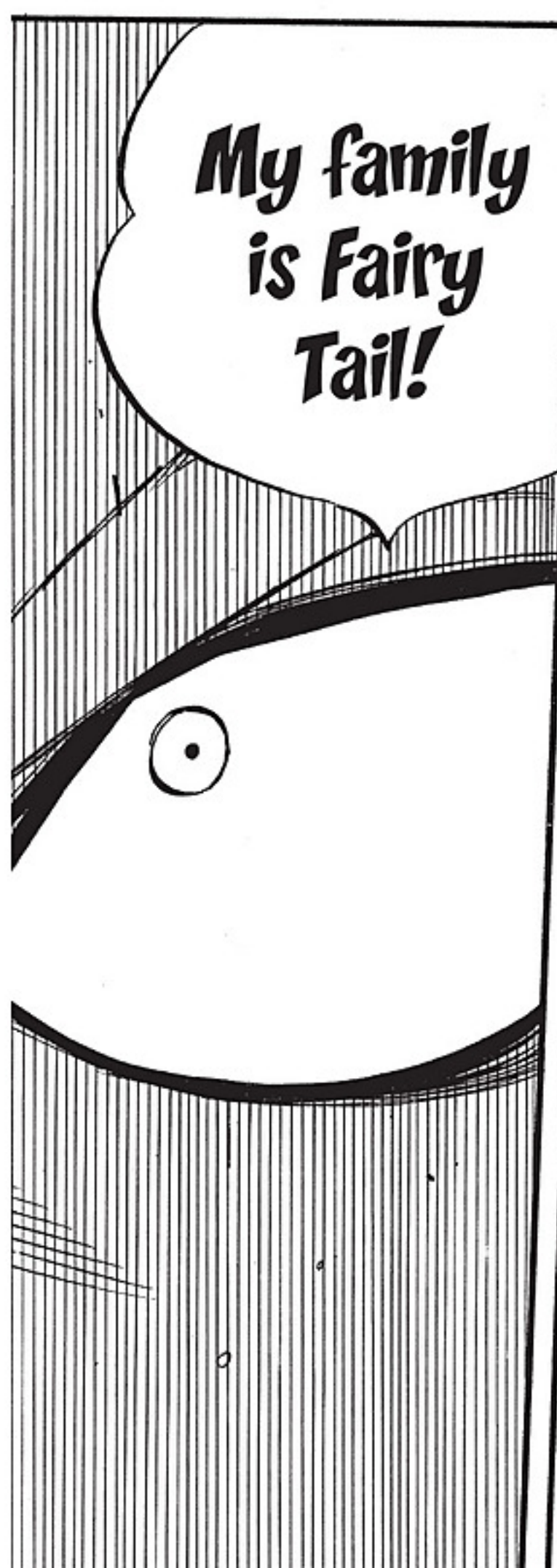
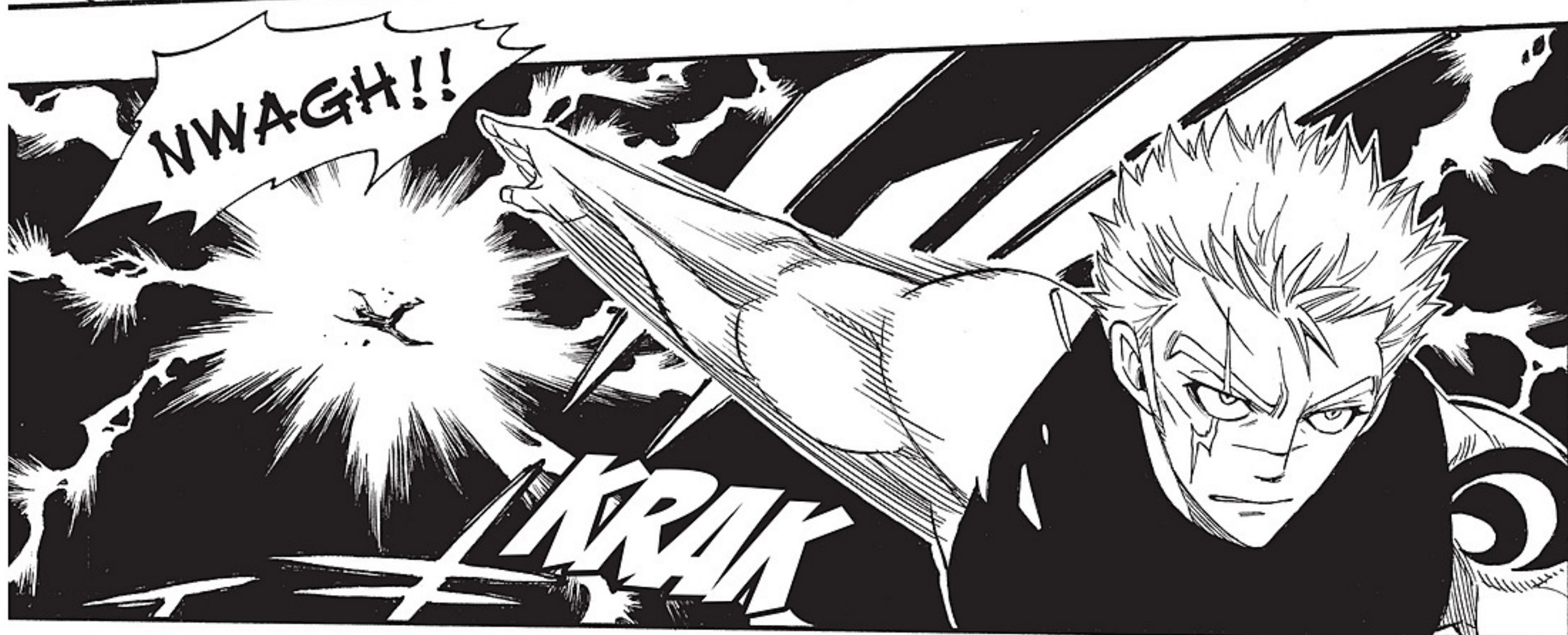
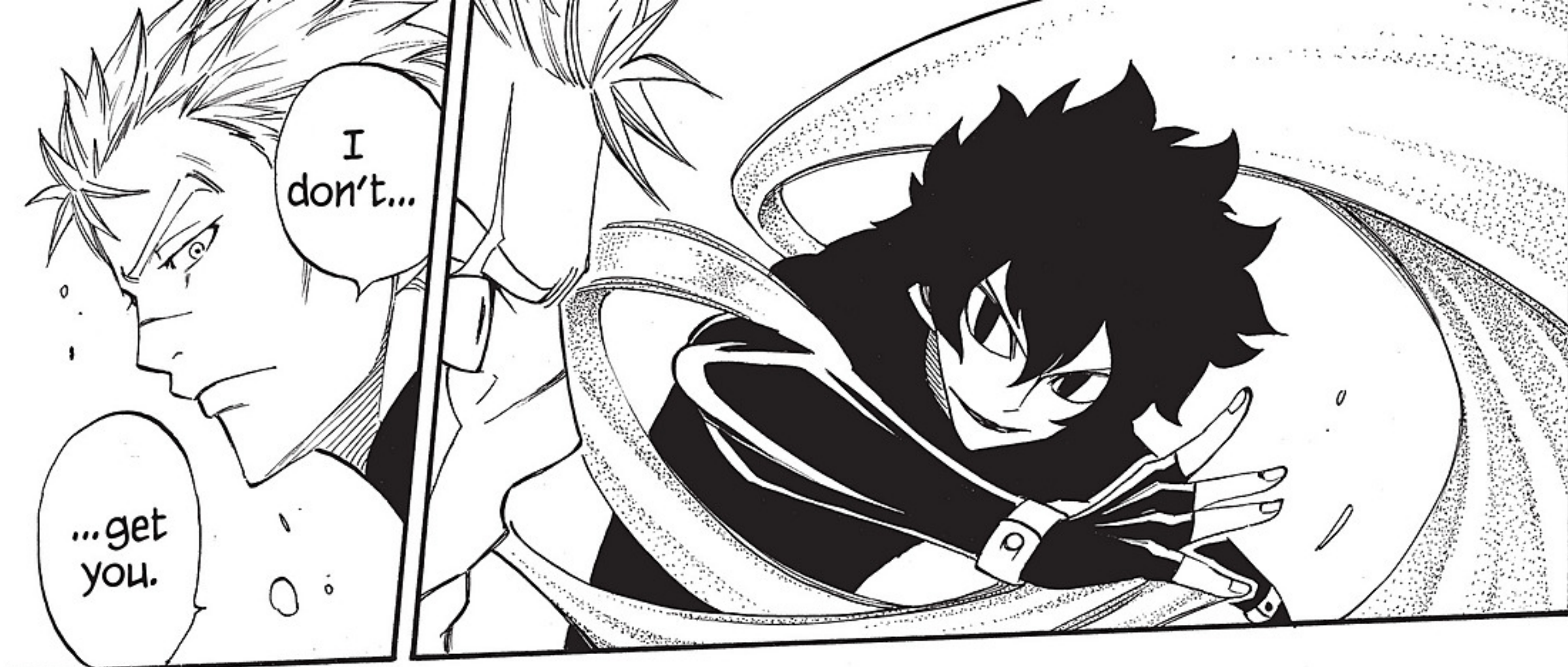






**And I will
crush my
family's
enemies
!!!!**

KRIKOOON





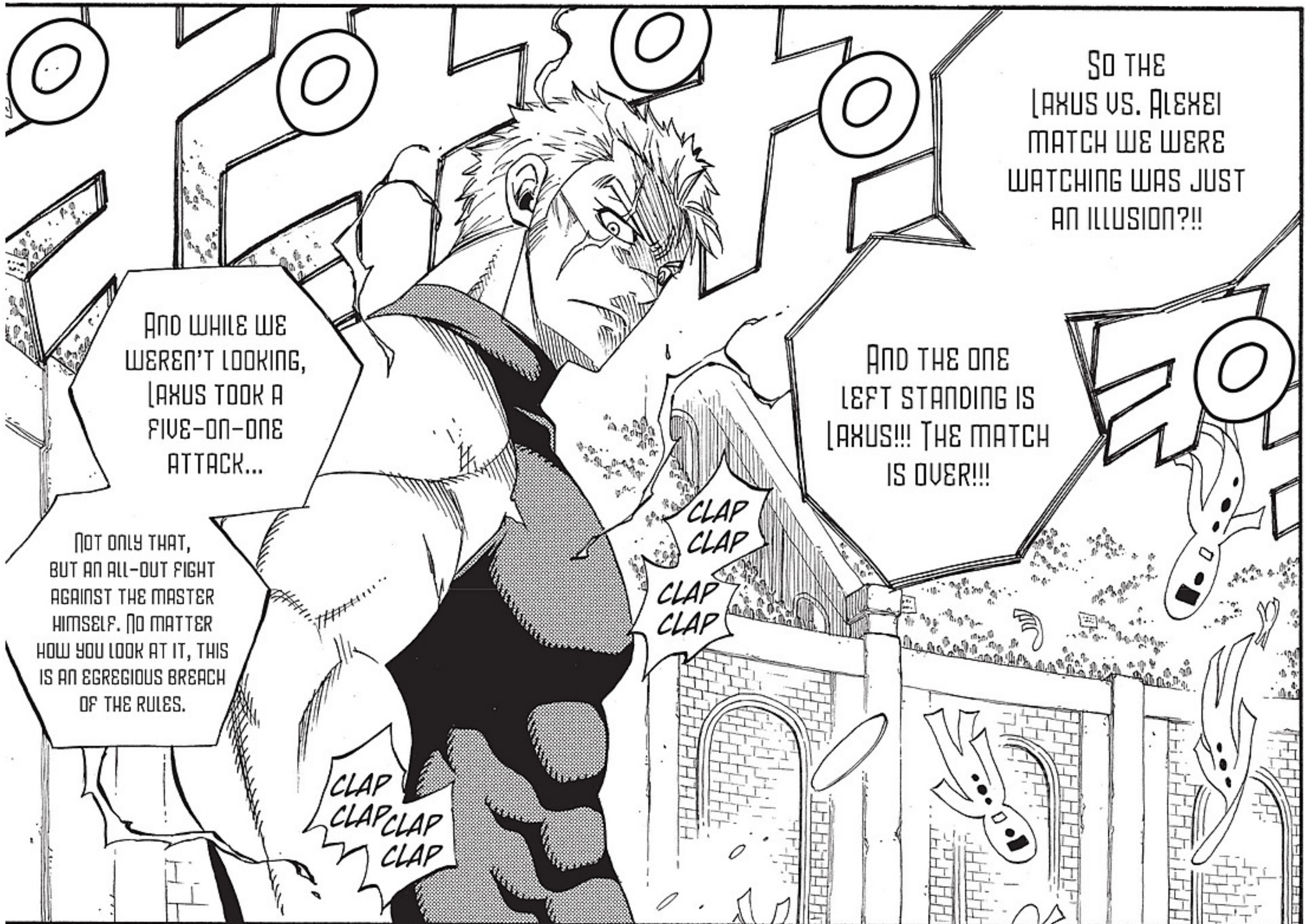
The guild master!!!
Punkin!!!
Alexei was really
Master Ivan!!!
Punkin!!!

BUT... JUST WHAT...
WENT ON HERE?!

ざわ
CHATTER
CHATTER
ざわ

They
fooled
us!

They were
thought
projections
?!!!



AND WHILE WE
WEREN'T LOOKING,
LAXUS TOOK A
FIVE-ON-ONE
ATTACK...

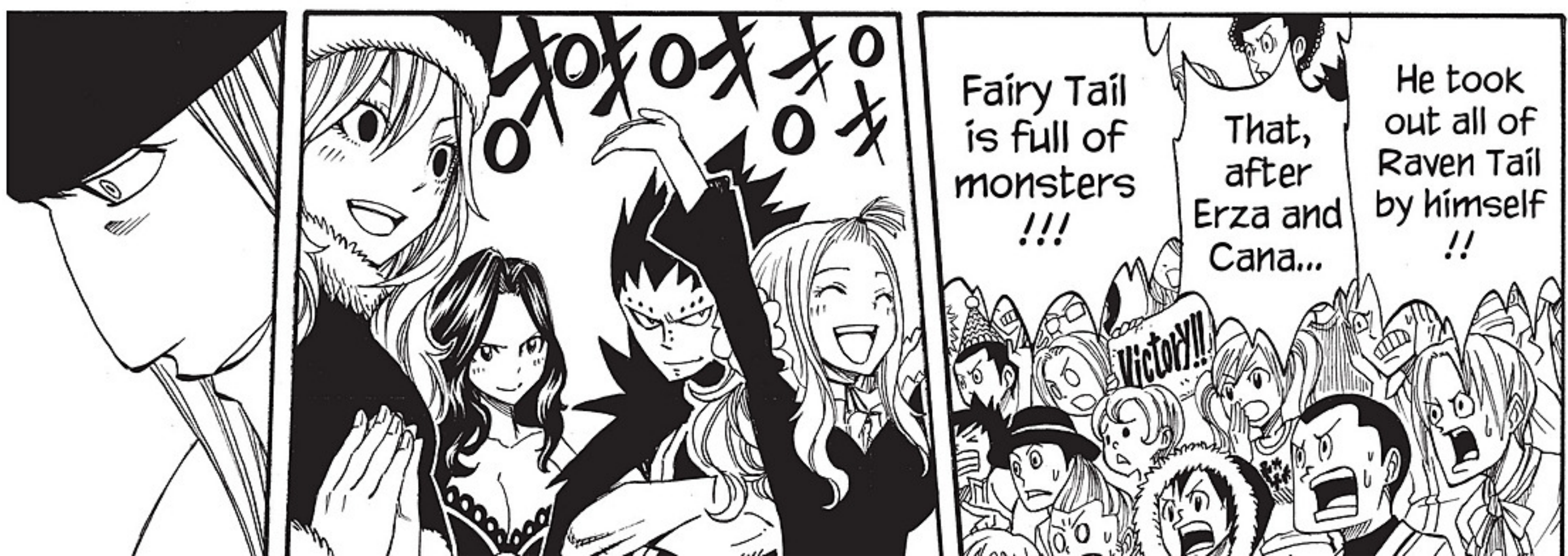
NOT ONLY THAT,
BUT AN ALL-OUT FIGHT
AGAINST THE MASTER
HIMSELF. NO MATTER
HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS
IS AN EGREGIOUS BREACH
OF THE RULES.

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

AND THE ONE
LEFT STANDING IS
LAXUS!!! THE MATCH
IS OVER!!!

SO THE
LAXUS VS. ALEXEI
MATCH WE WERE
WATCHING WAS JUST
AN ILLUSION?!!

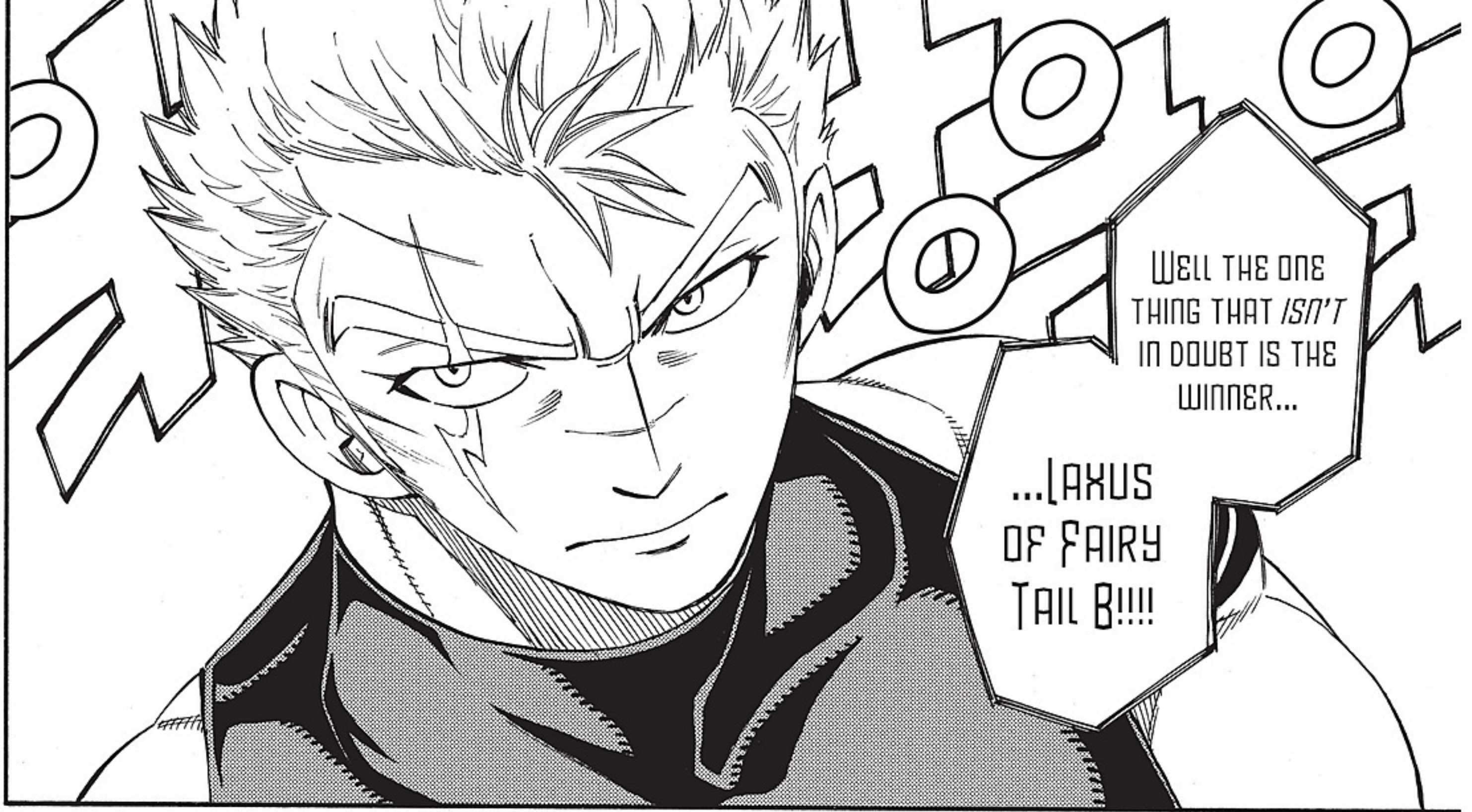


Fairy Tail
is full of
monsters
!!!

That,
after
Erza and
Cana...

He took
out all of
Raven Tail
by himself
!!

VICTORY!!



WELL THE ONE
THING THAT *ISN'T*
IN DOUBT IS THE
WINNER...

...LAXUS
OF FAIRY
TAIL B!!!!



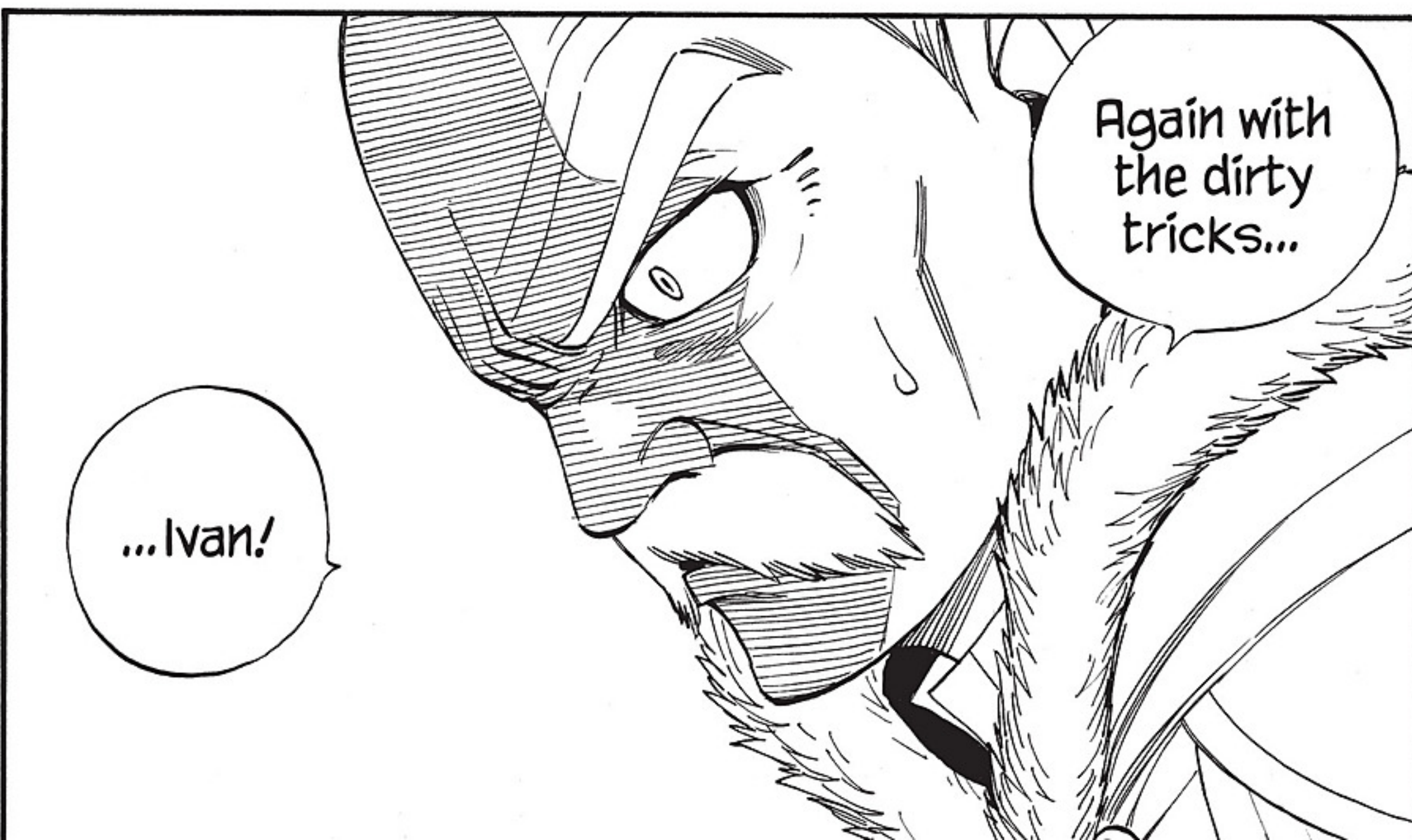
You
really are
far too
nice.

I hope they
don't punish
that Flare girl
so harshly
again.



AWWWW!!
He took
them *all*
out?!! Now
he gets all
the glory!

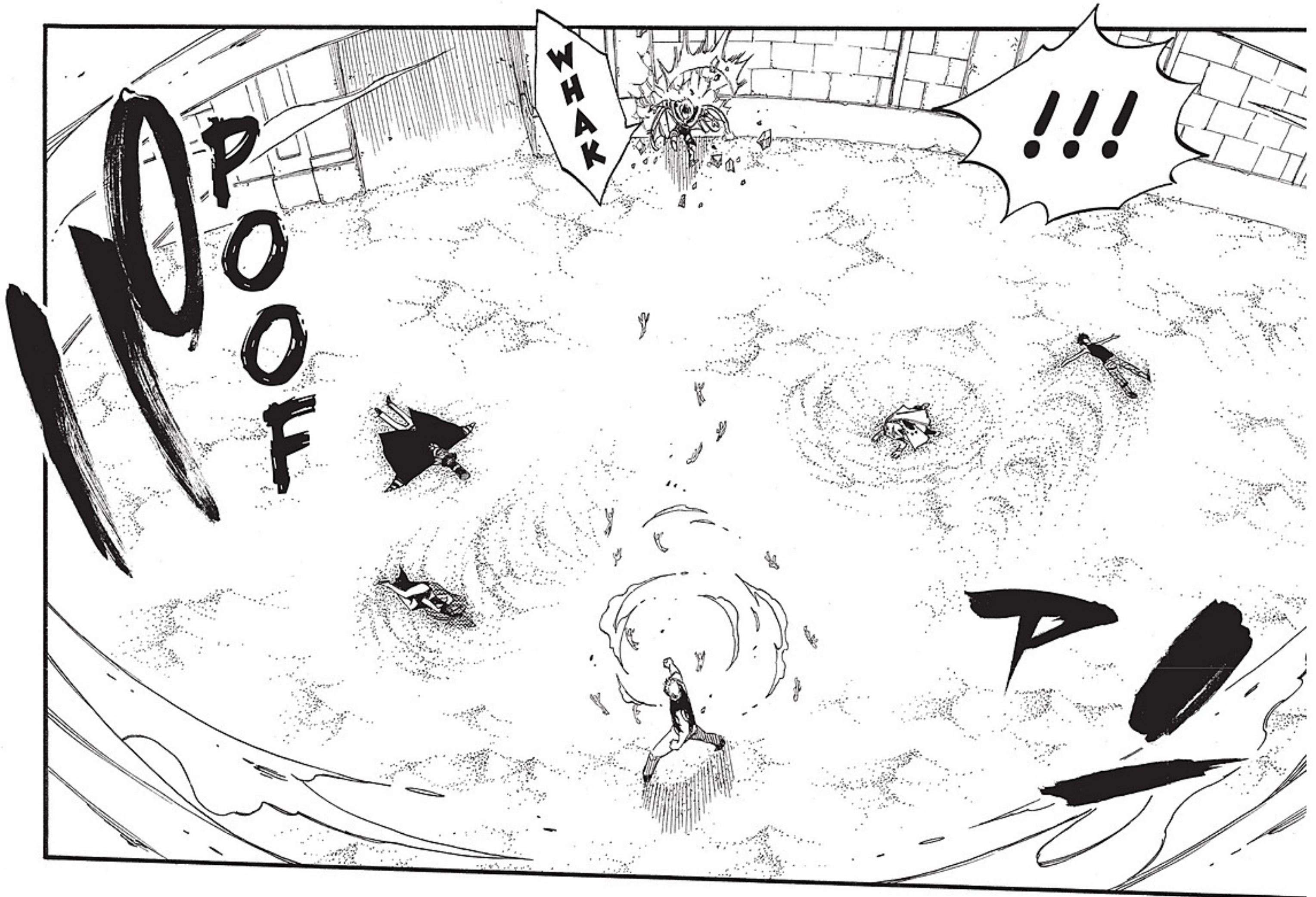
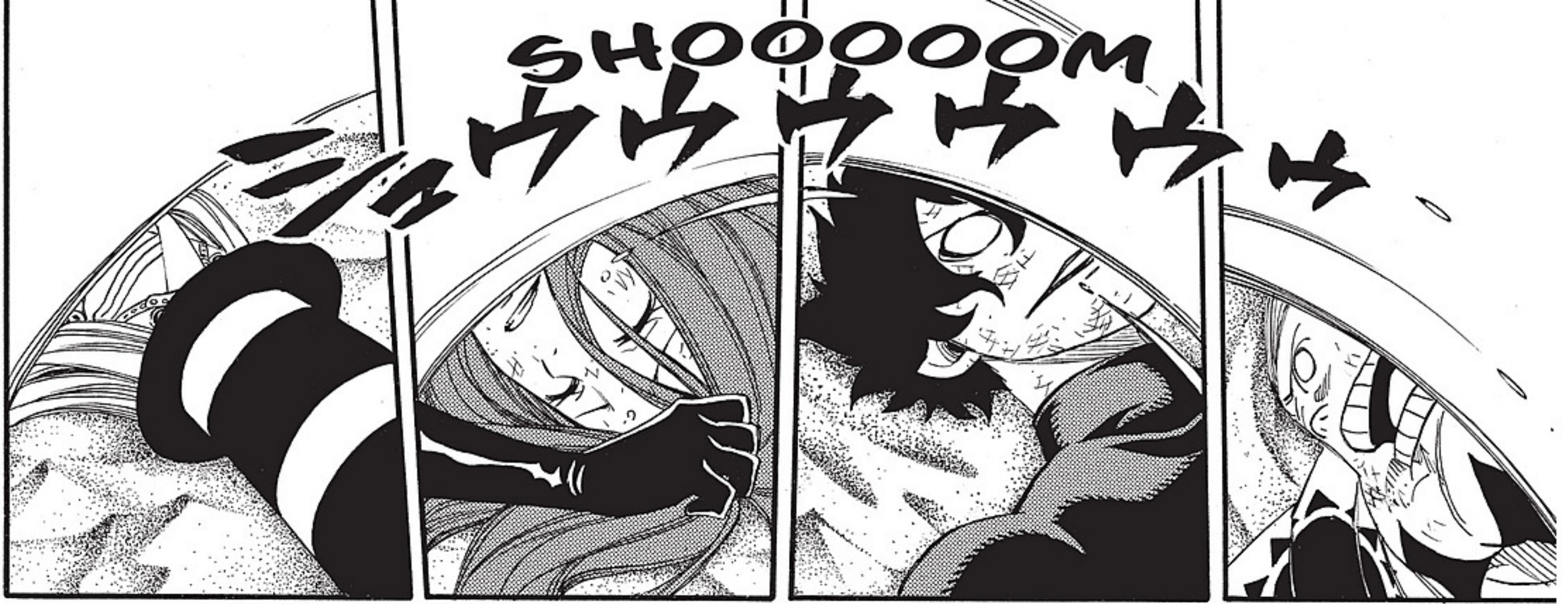
It looks
like he got
to take
revenge on
our enemies
for us.

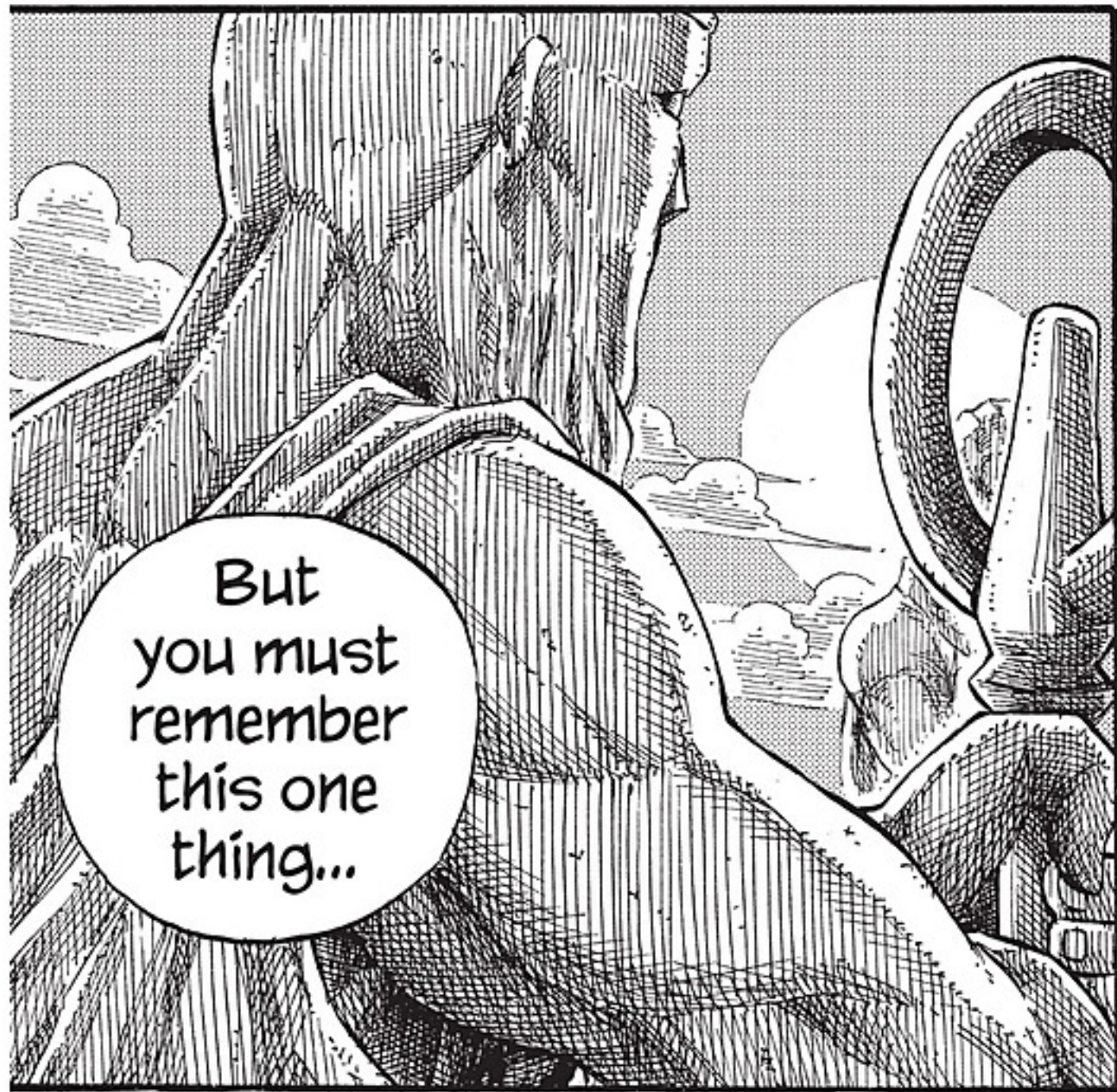
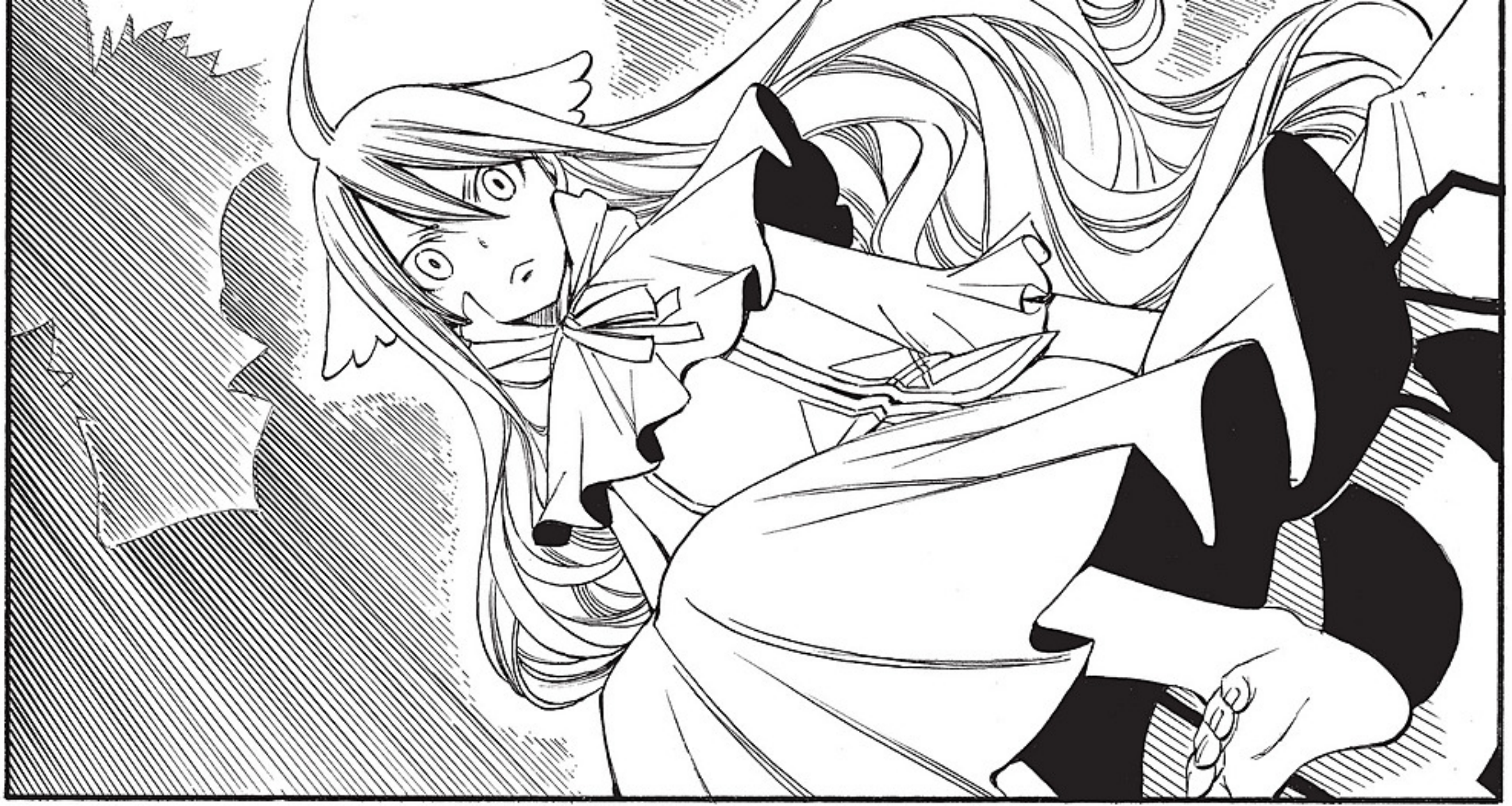


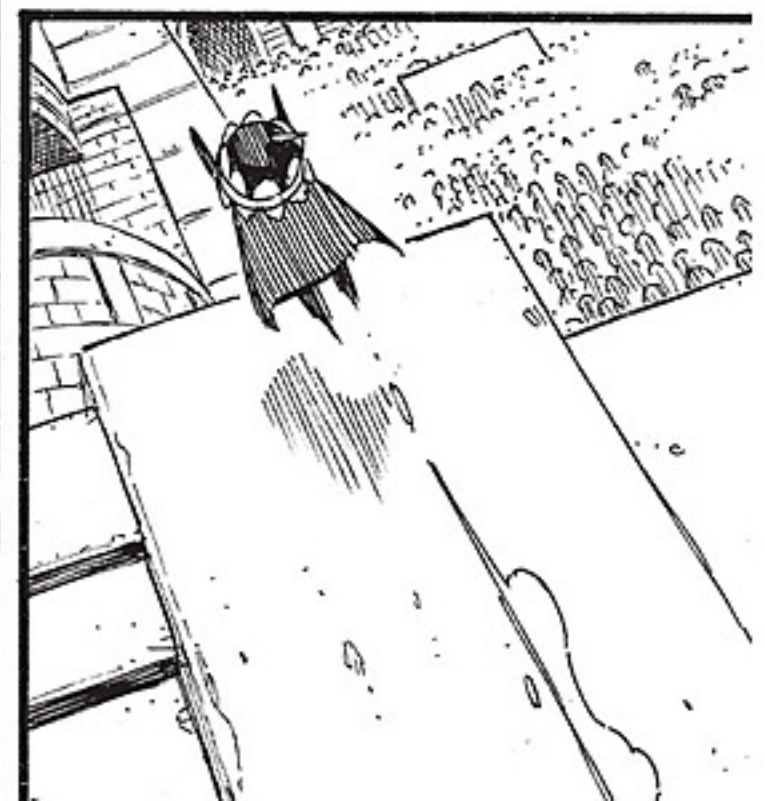
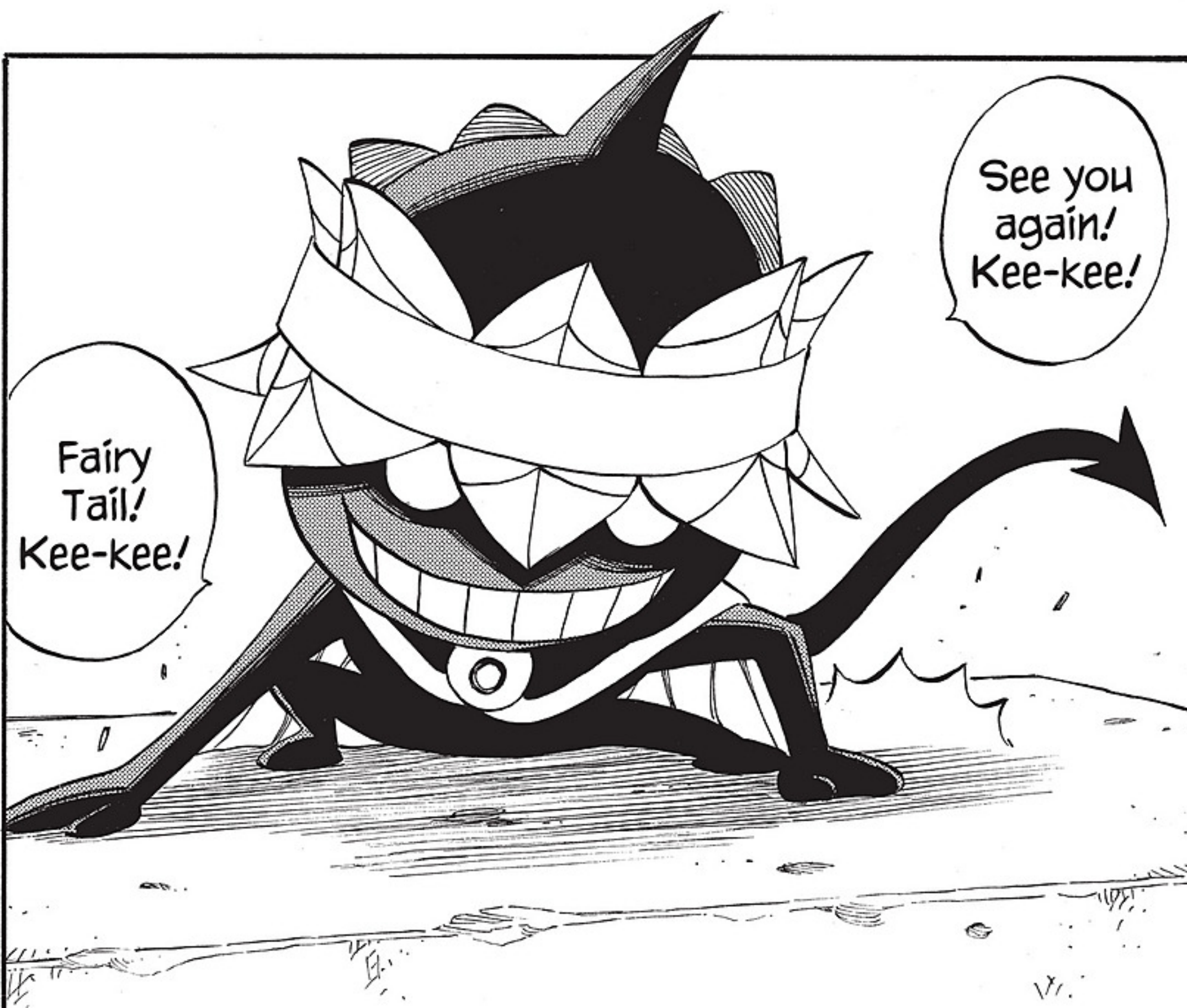
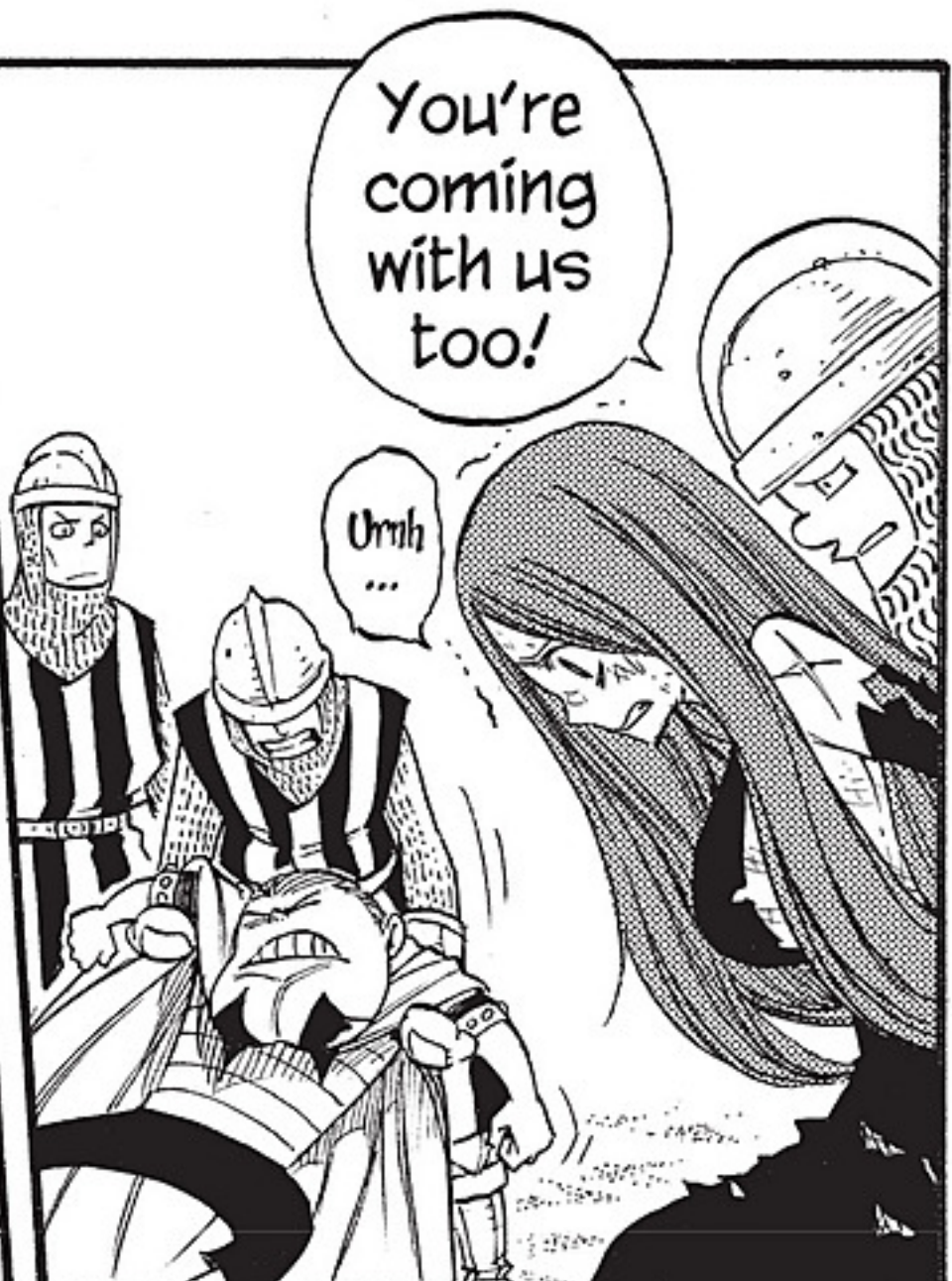
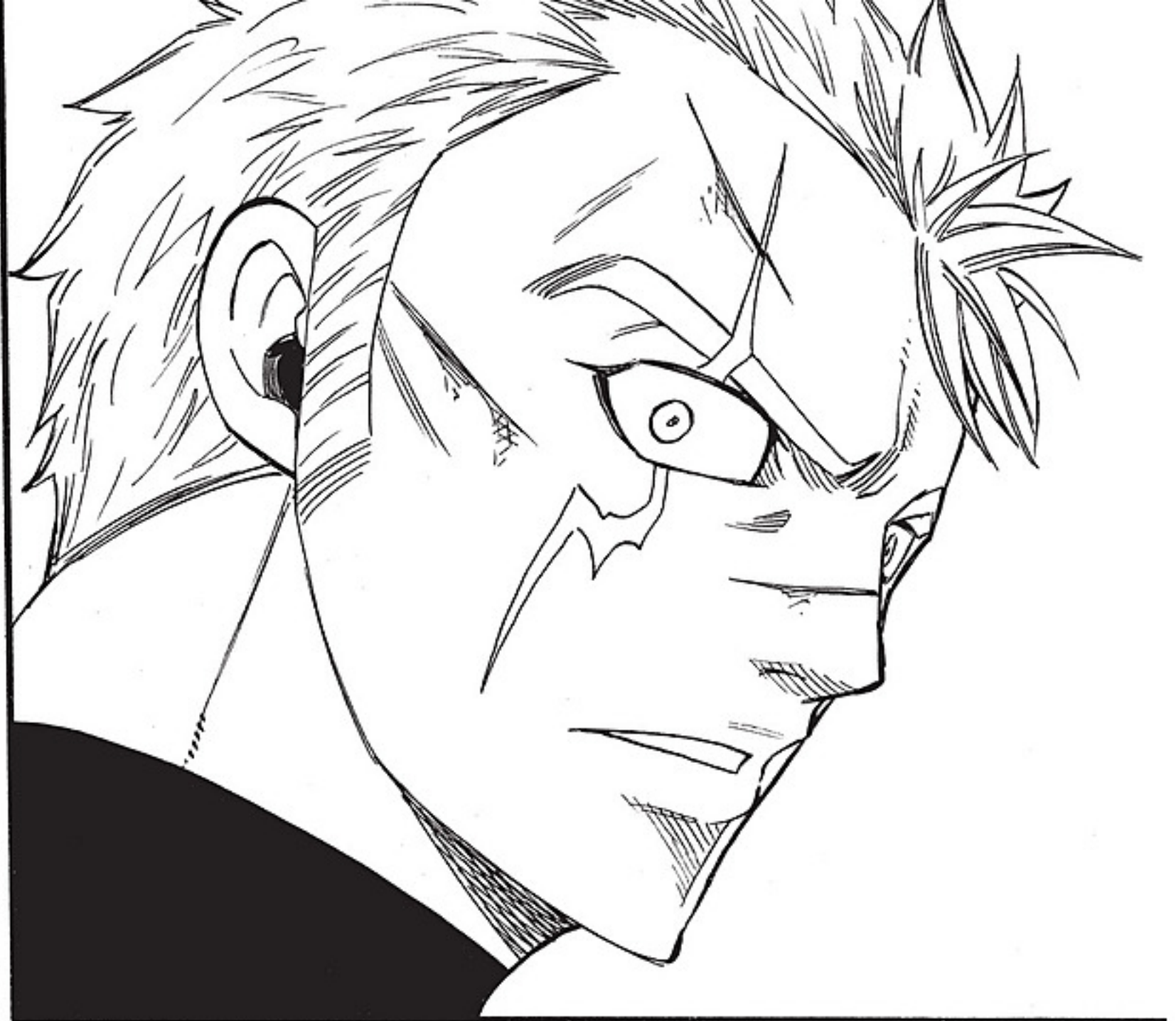
Again with
the dirty
tricks...

...Ivan!

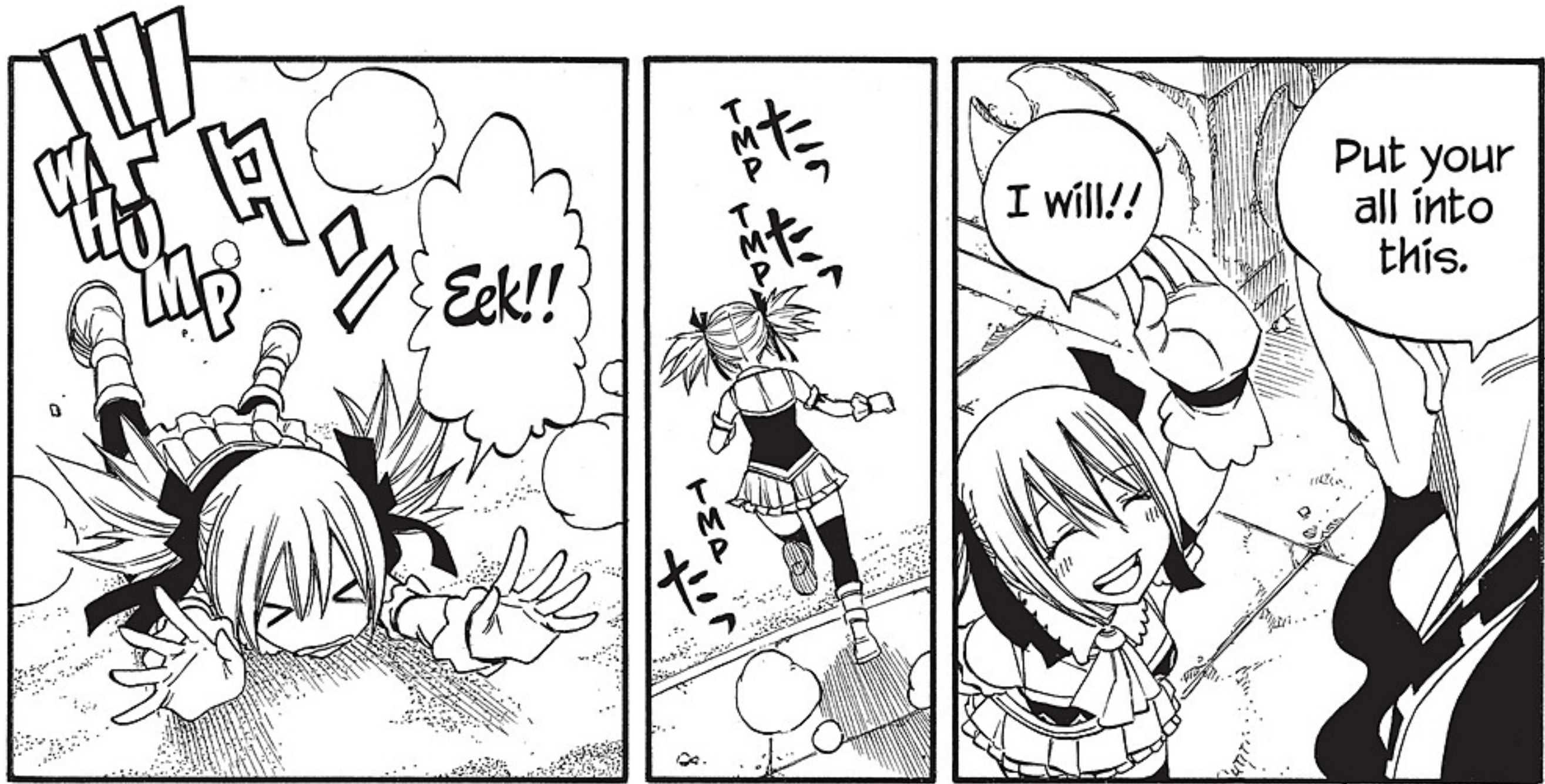
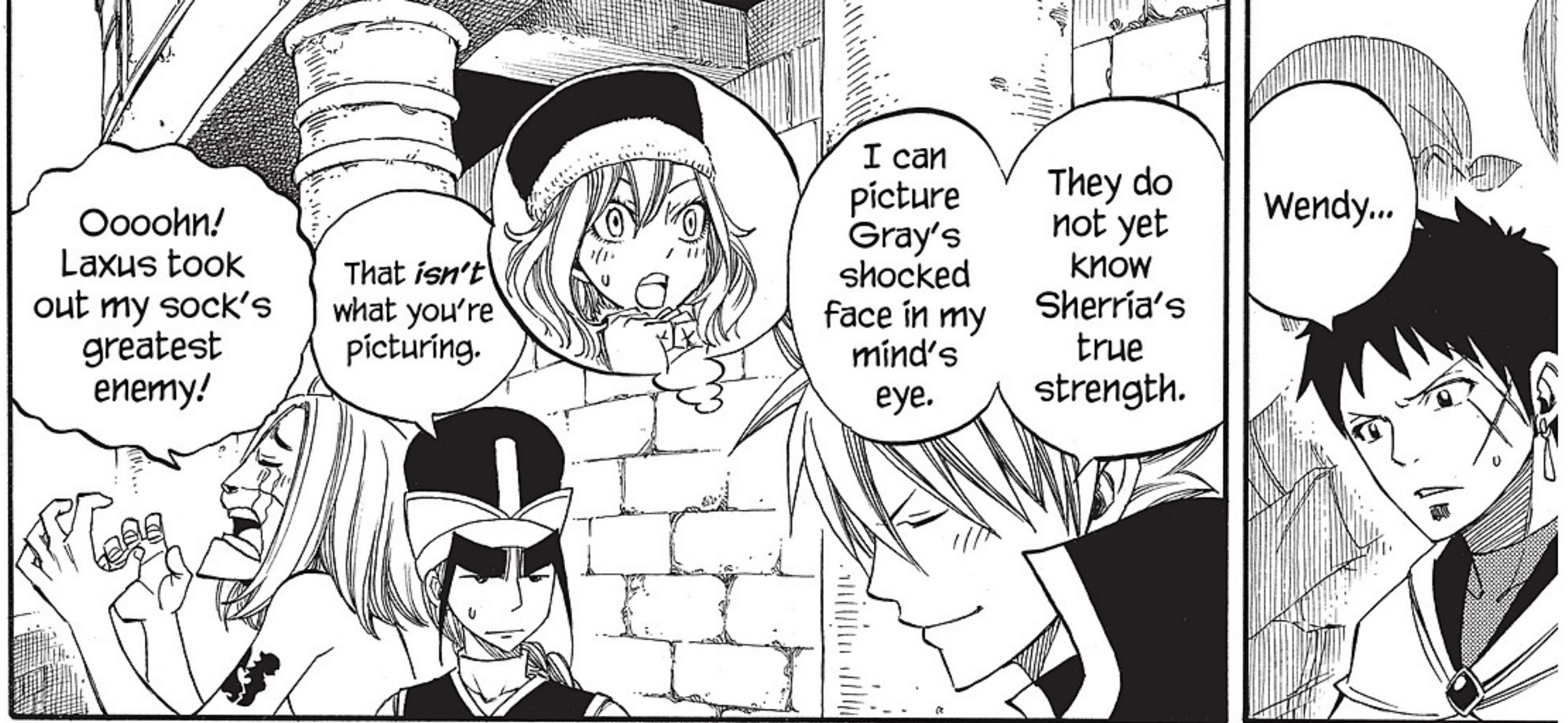












I hope
so too!

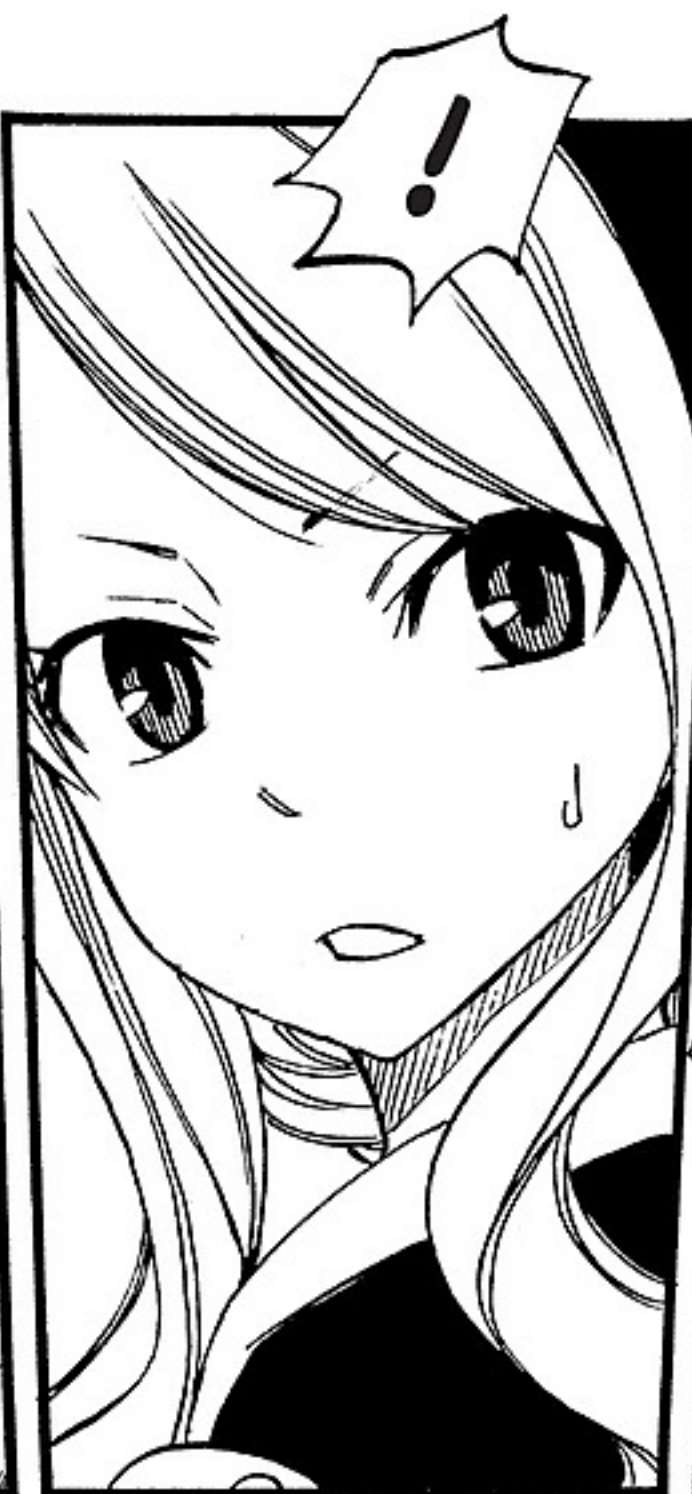
L-Let's
have a good
battle,
okay?

AND I'M GONNA
ROOT FOR 'EM
BOTH! PYOING!

Did you change characters?

It's
Wendy!
She'll
be fine!

I wonder
if she'll be
all right...



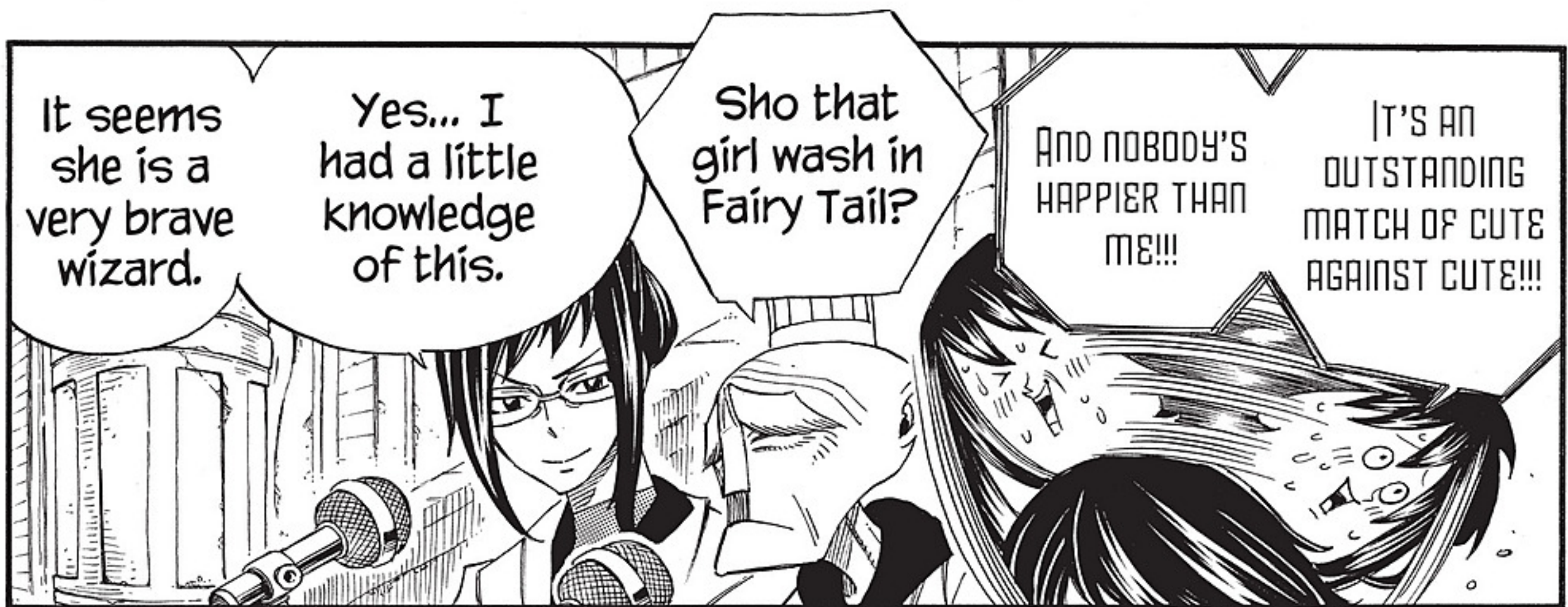
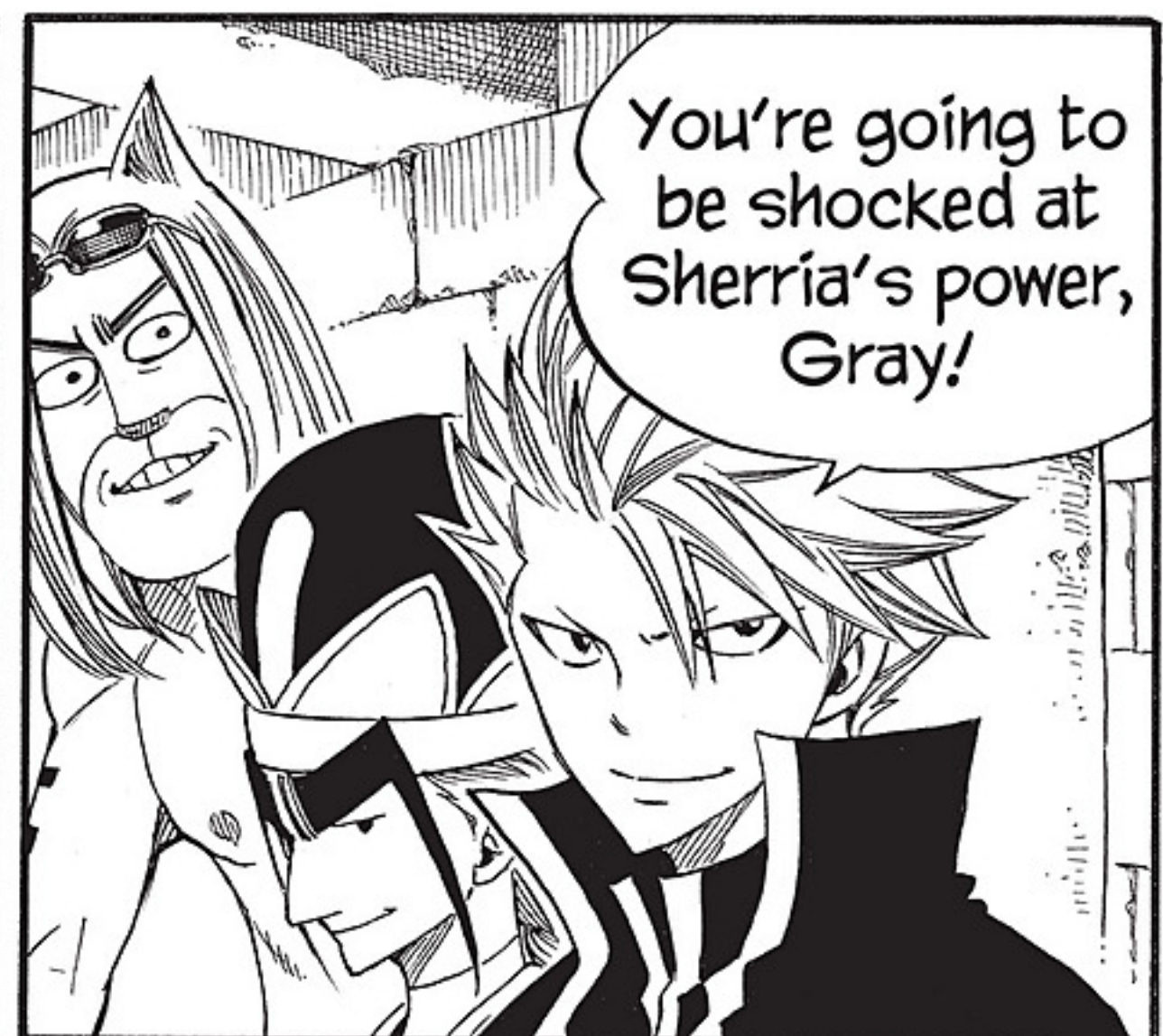
FAIRY TAIL

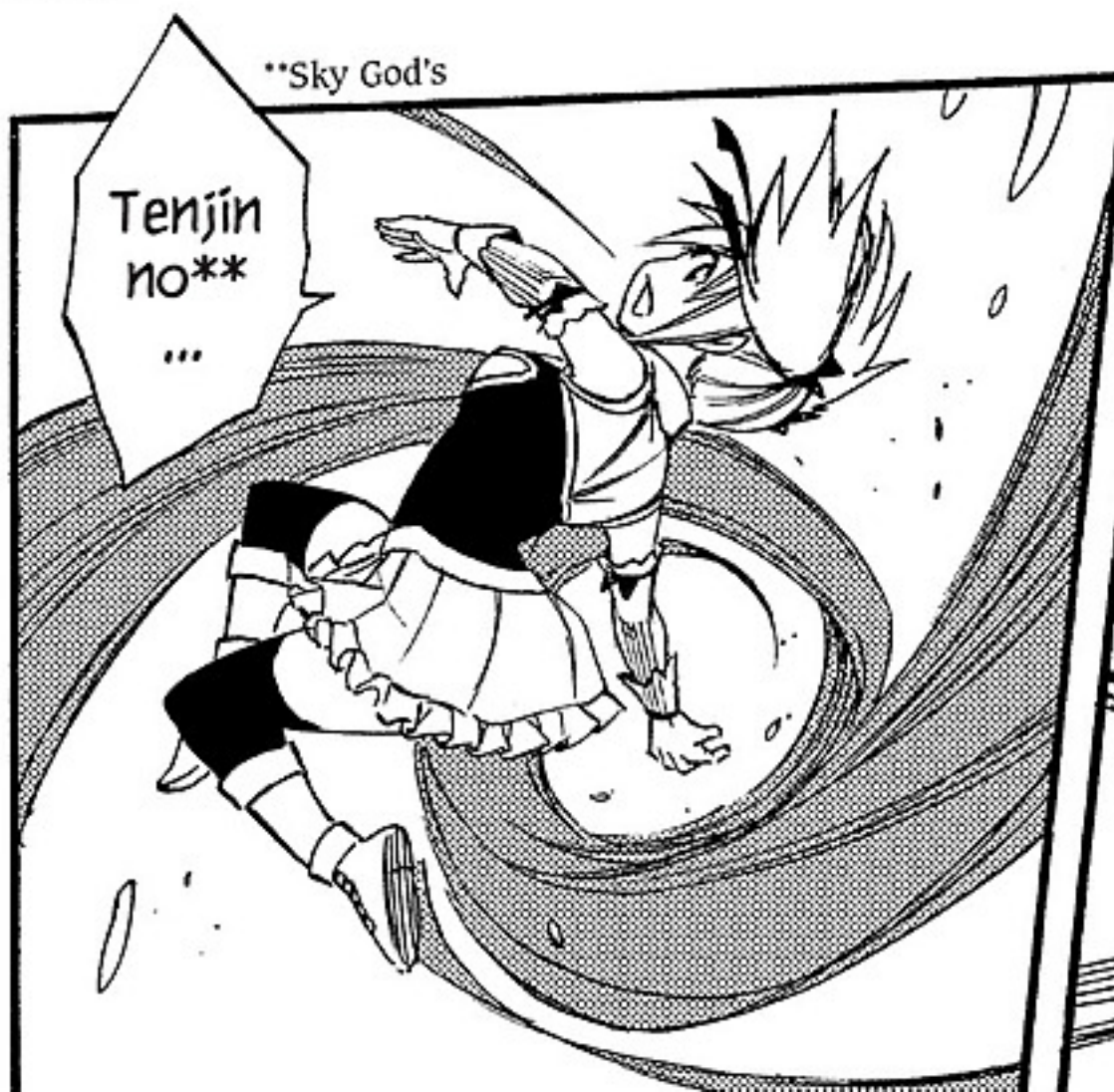
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 288: Wendy vs. Sherria











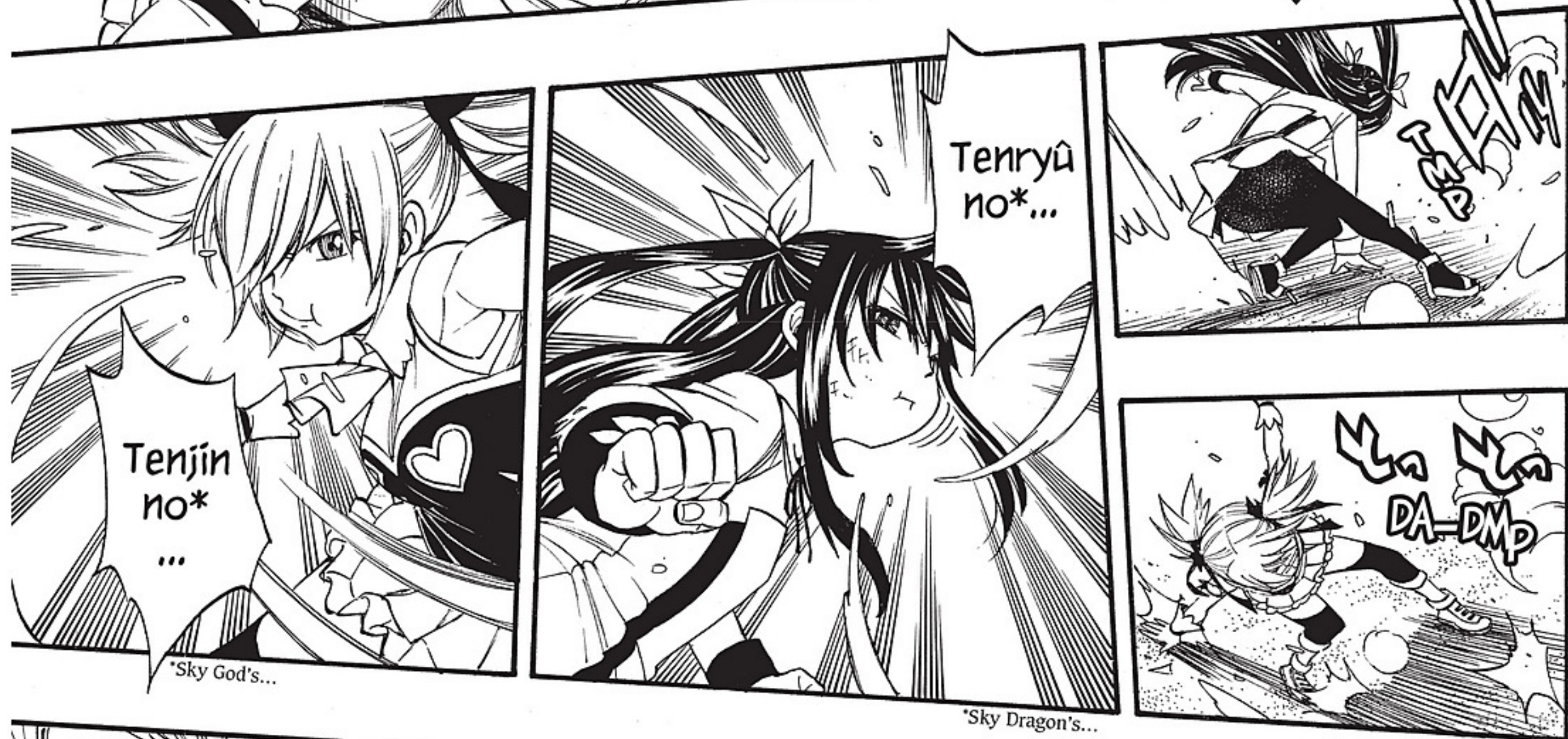
*North Wind

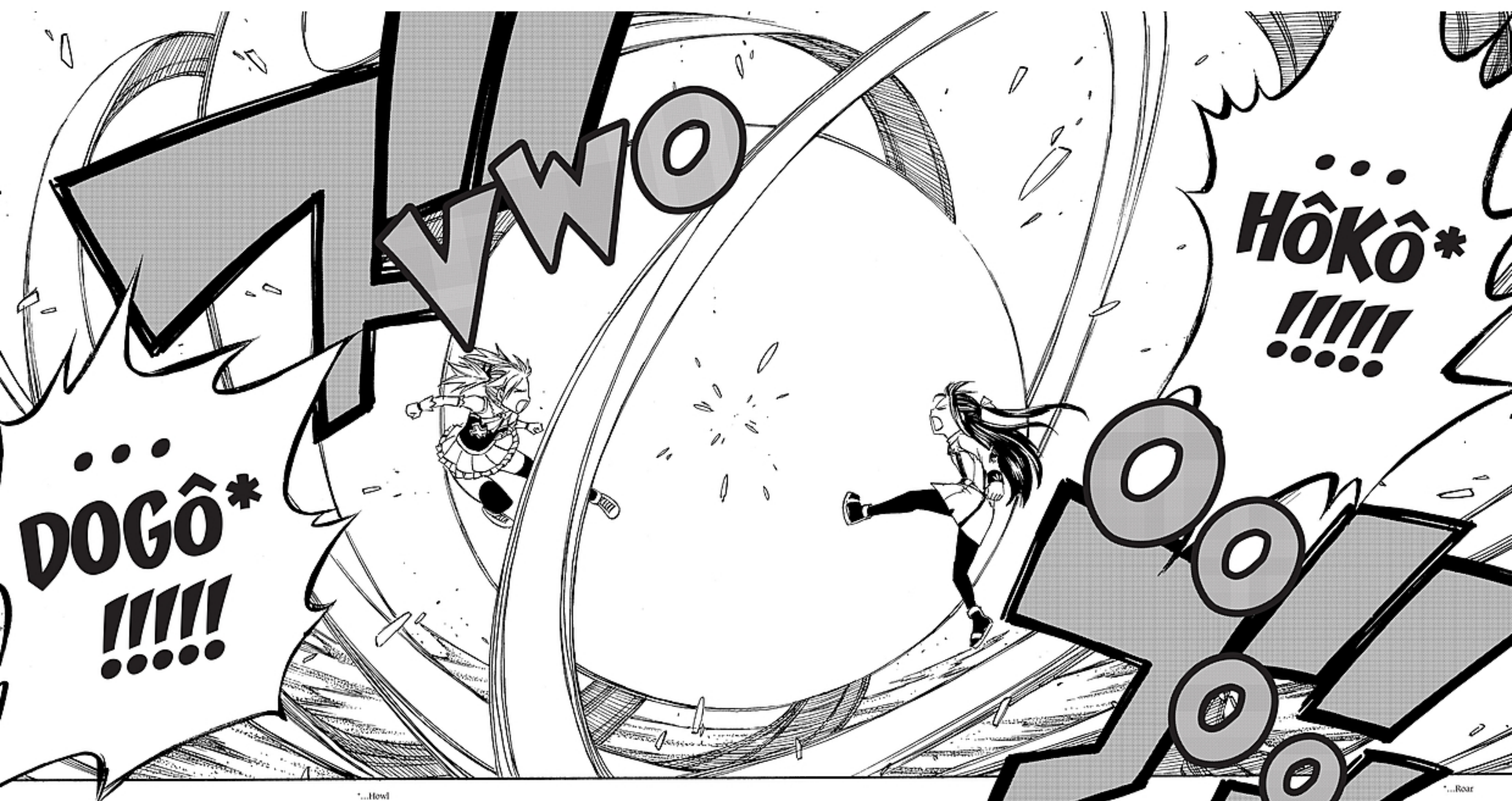




*Sky God's Dance

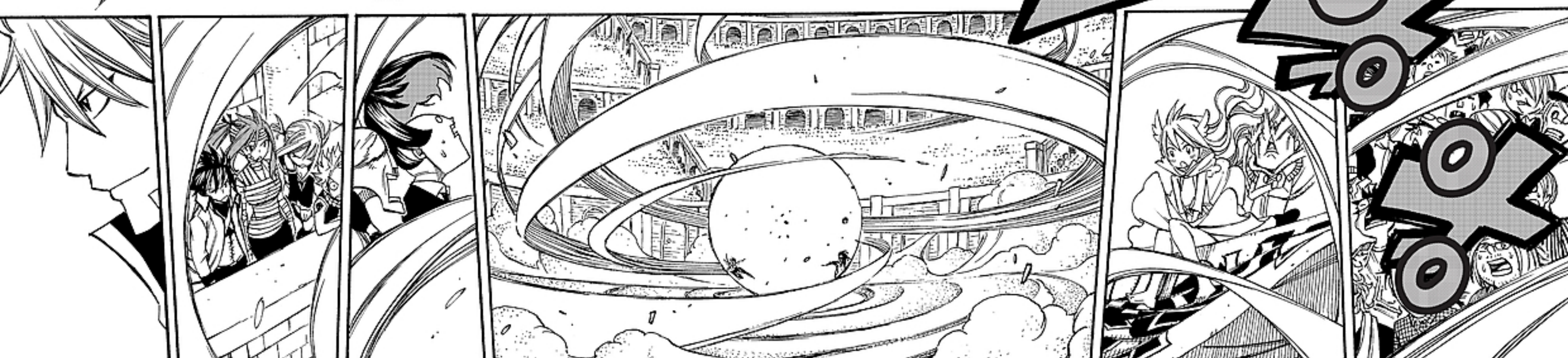






...Howl

...Roar









Sorry.
Did it hurt?

Maybe I
overdid it
a bit.



...that
there was
a wizard in
Fairy Tail
that used
the same
magic as
me.

I heard
from
Lyon...



That
surprised
me...



God Slayer
Wizard?!!
Magic that
kills gods?



...this is for
my guild, so
I'm going to
do everything
I can!

I...don't really
know...what
it is to have
fun in battle,
but...



Hm?

Since we're
here, let's
have a *lot*
of fun!



I'm
fine!

WOBBLE

It *is* a
battle,
after
all.



Yeah.
I think
that'll do
fine.

I'm giving
my all for
the guild
and for
LOVE!!



*And
even I
can fight
at full
strength
at times
like that
!!!!*



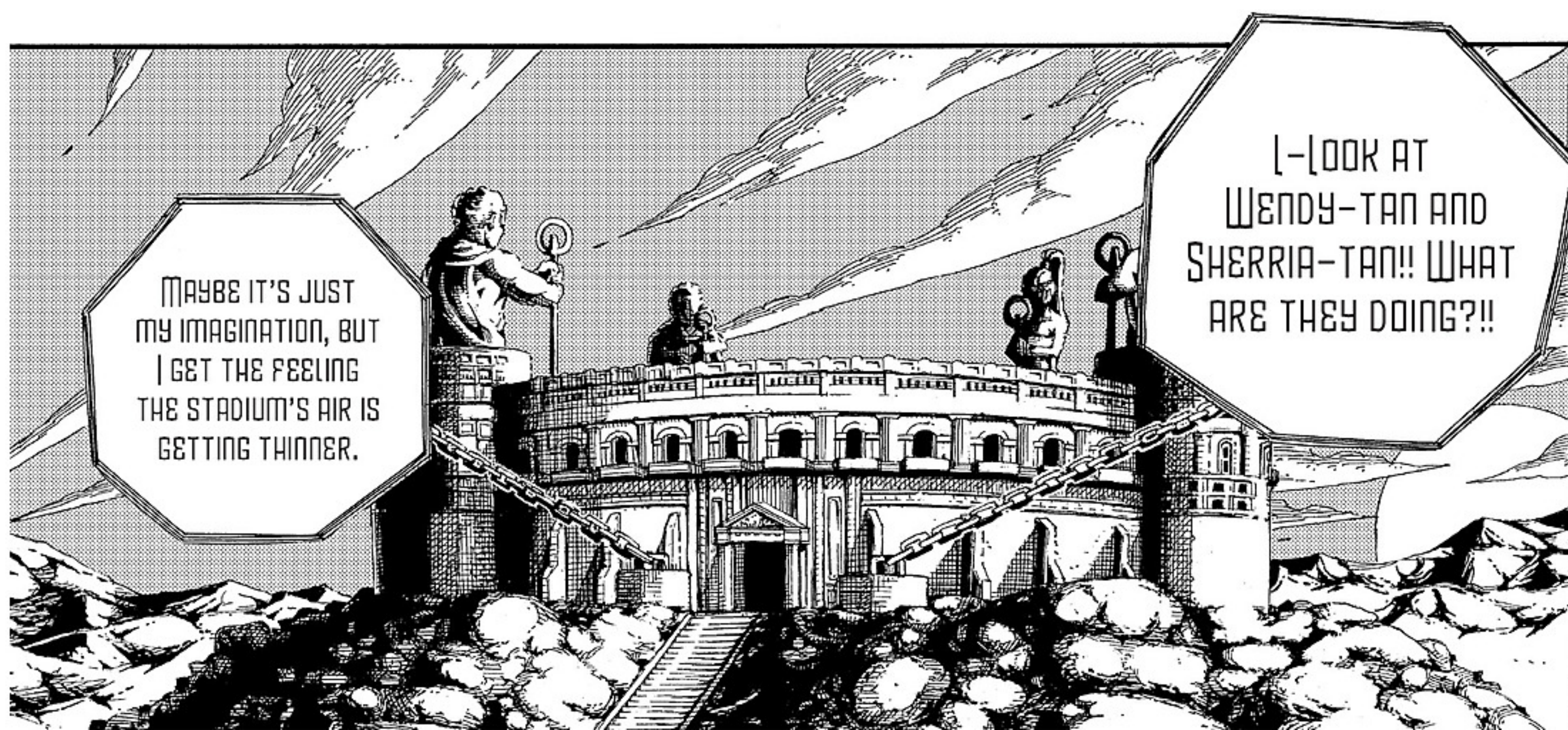
...have
some
too!



Ah!!

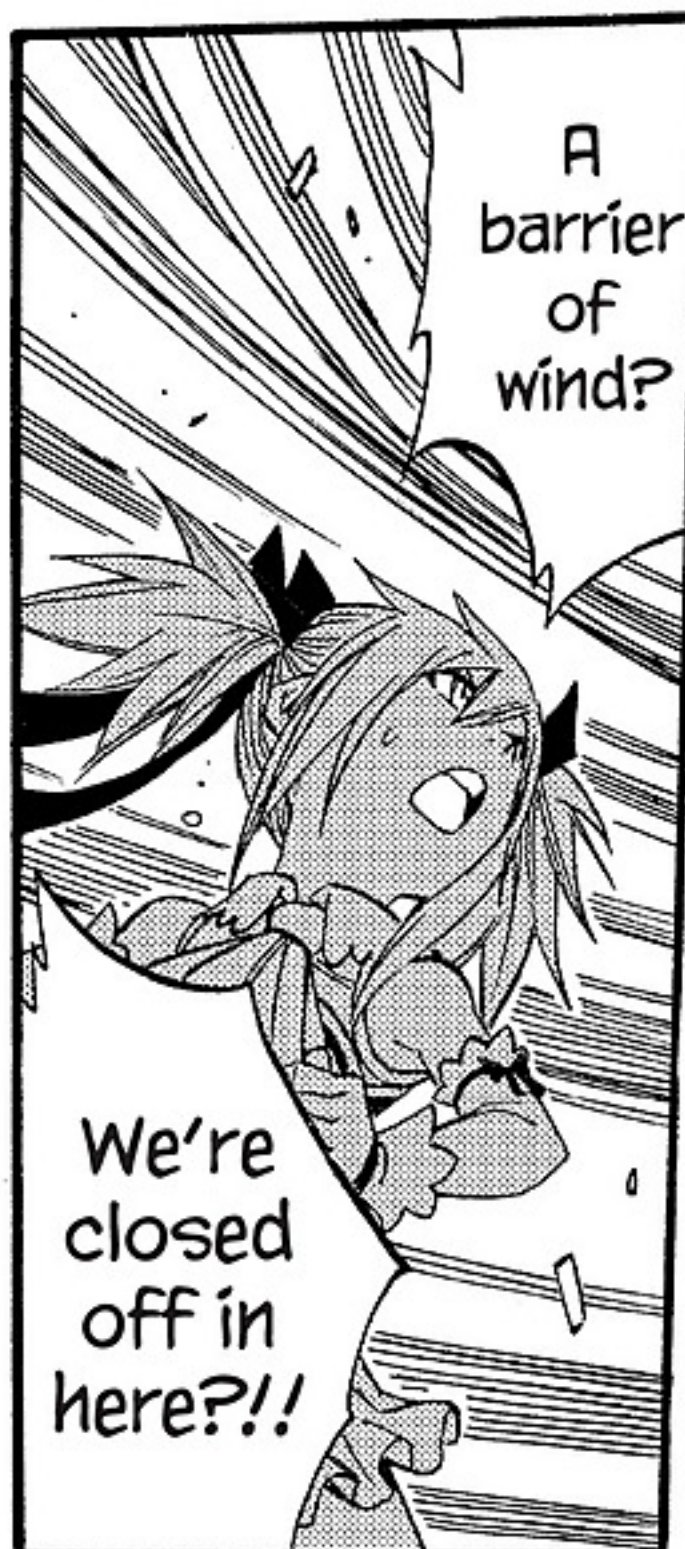
I knew
it! You
"eat air,"
don't
you?!

Then
I'll...



MAYBE IT'S JUST
MY IMAGINATION, BUT
I GET THE FEELING
THE STADIUM'S AIR IS
GETTING THINNER.

[LOOK AT
WENDY-TAN AND
SHERRIA-TAN!! WHAT
ARE THEY DOING?!!

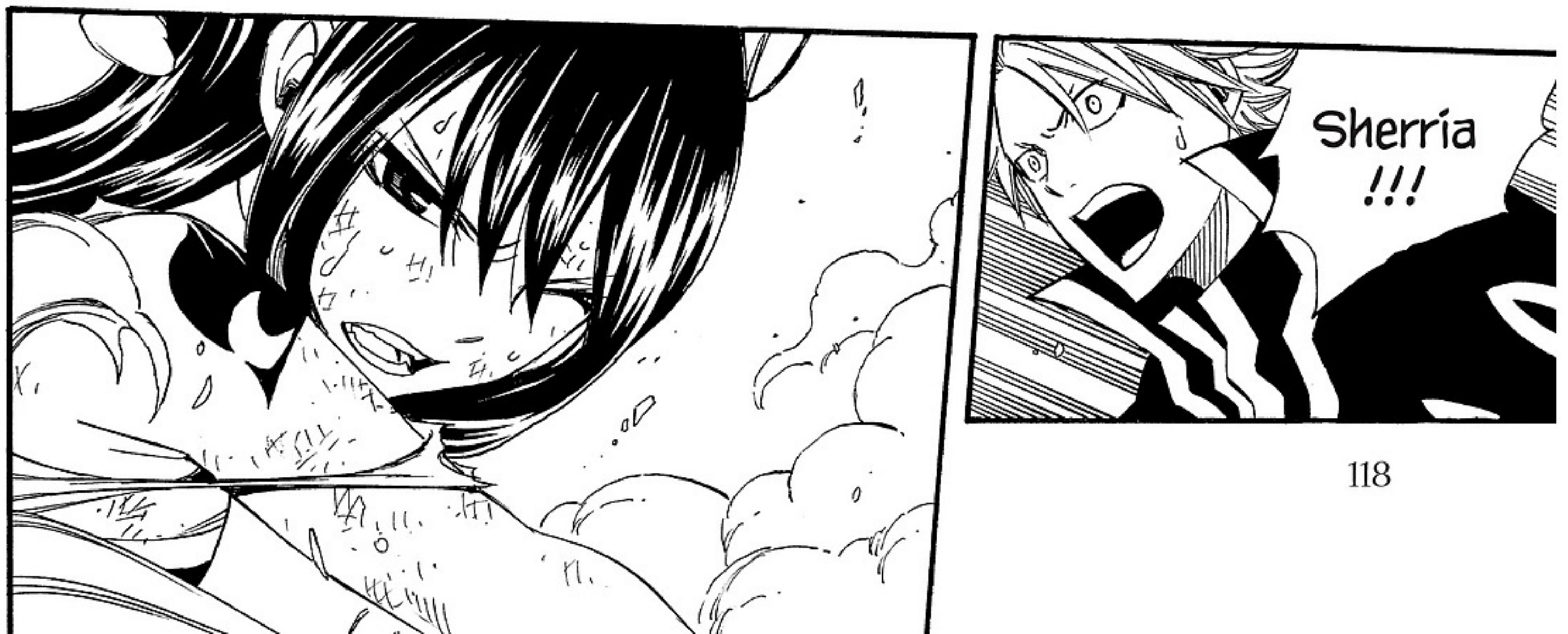
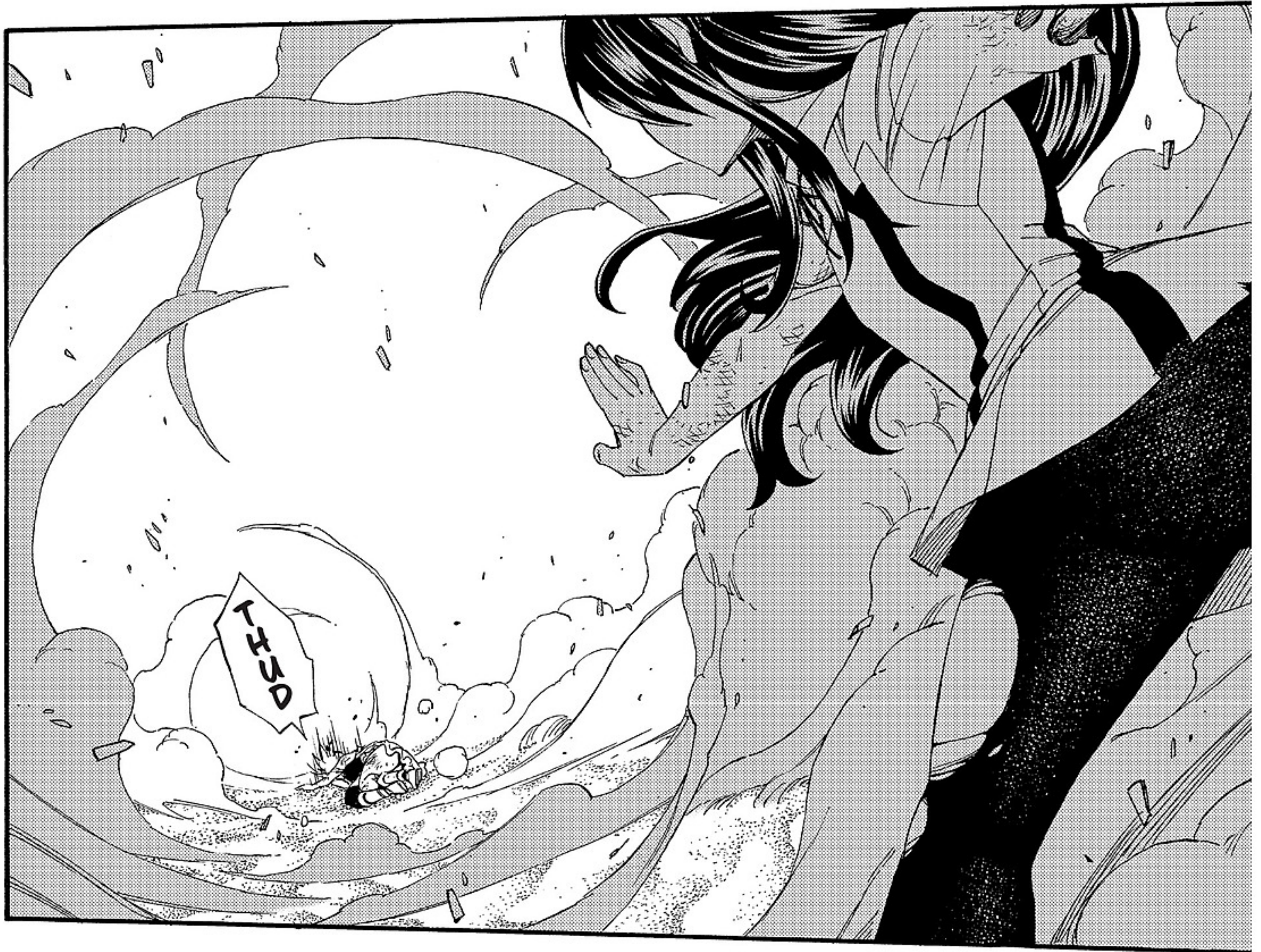


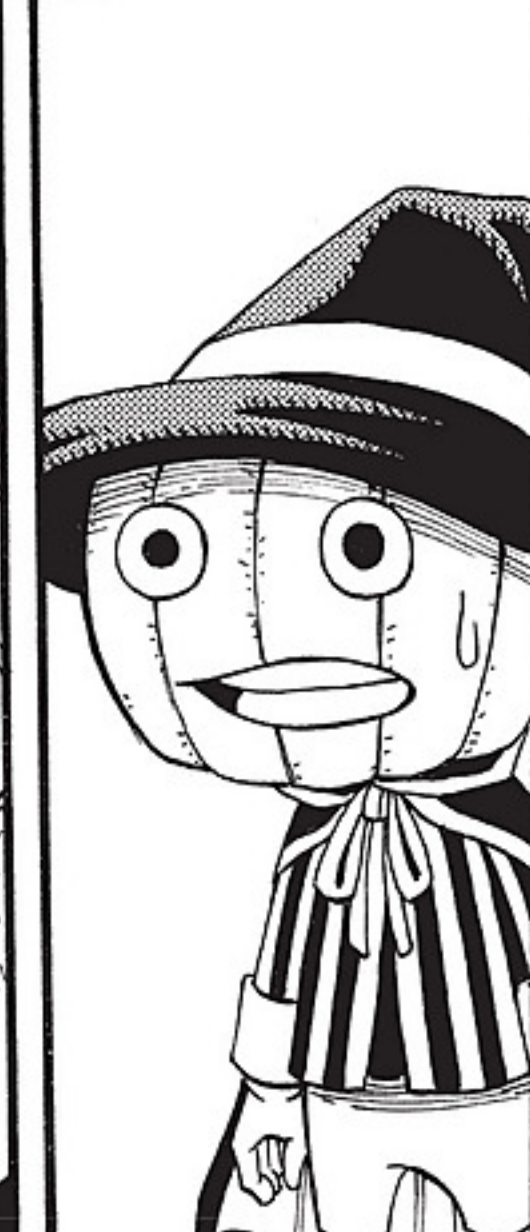
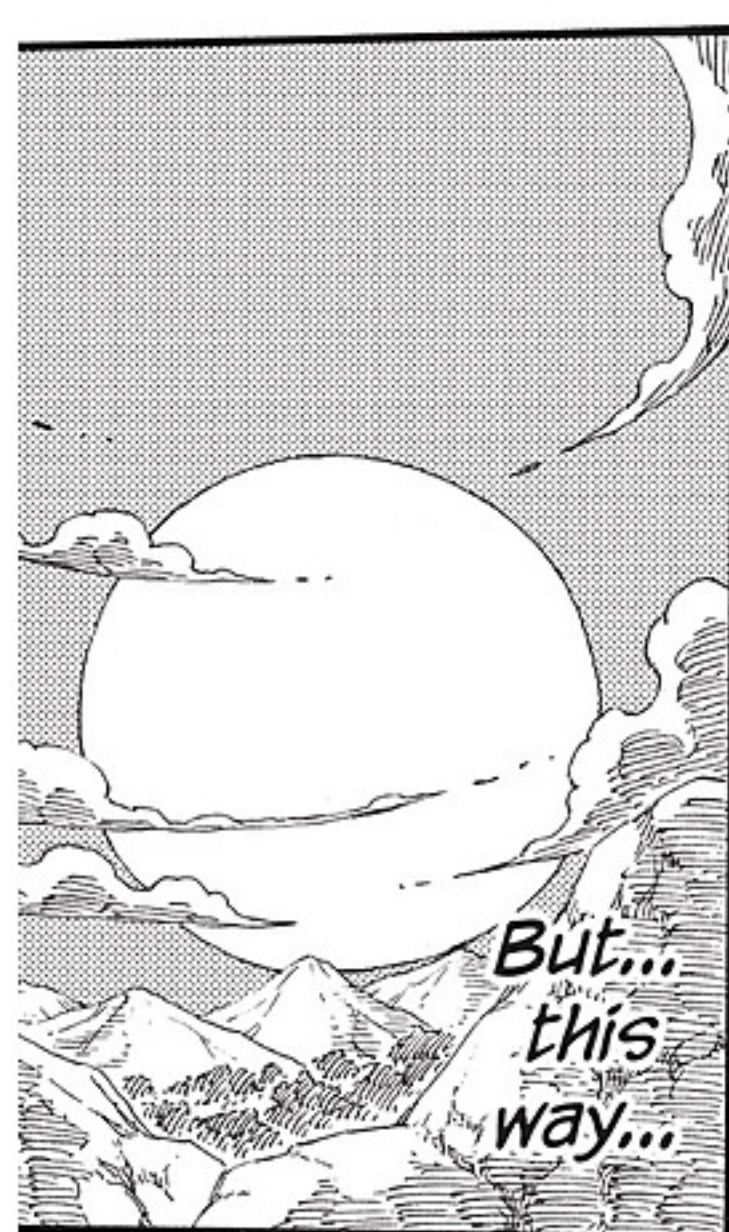


**TENKÔ-
SEN*
!!!!**

WAFUON

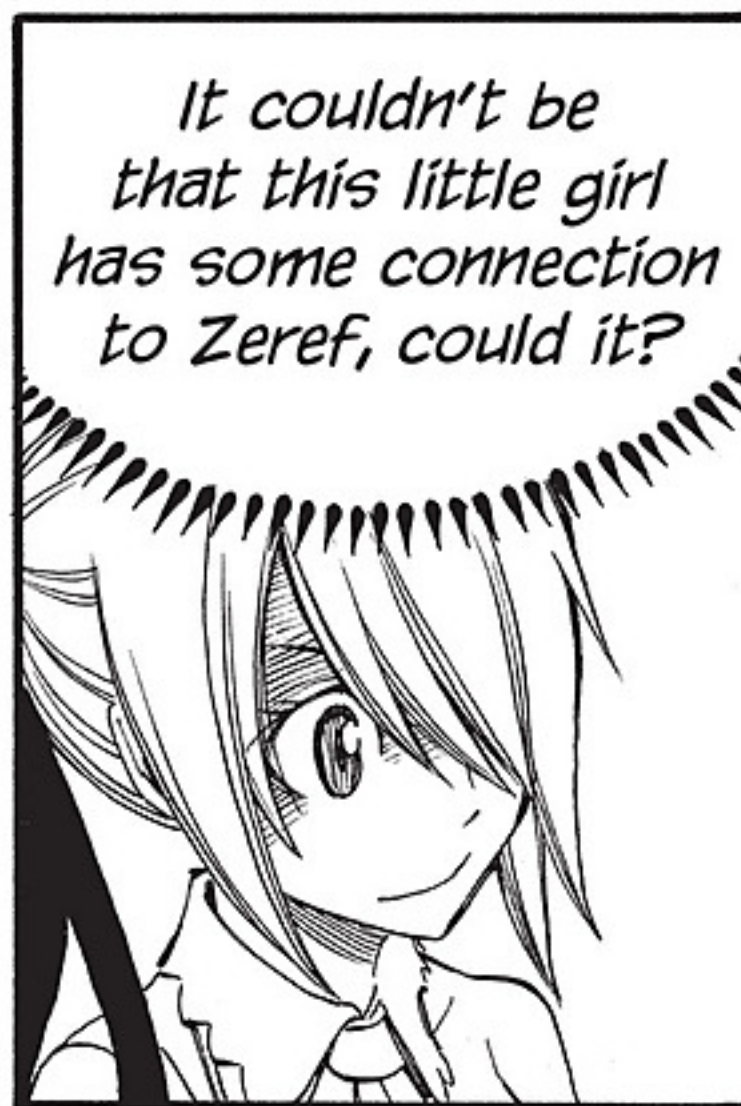
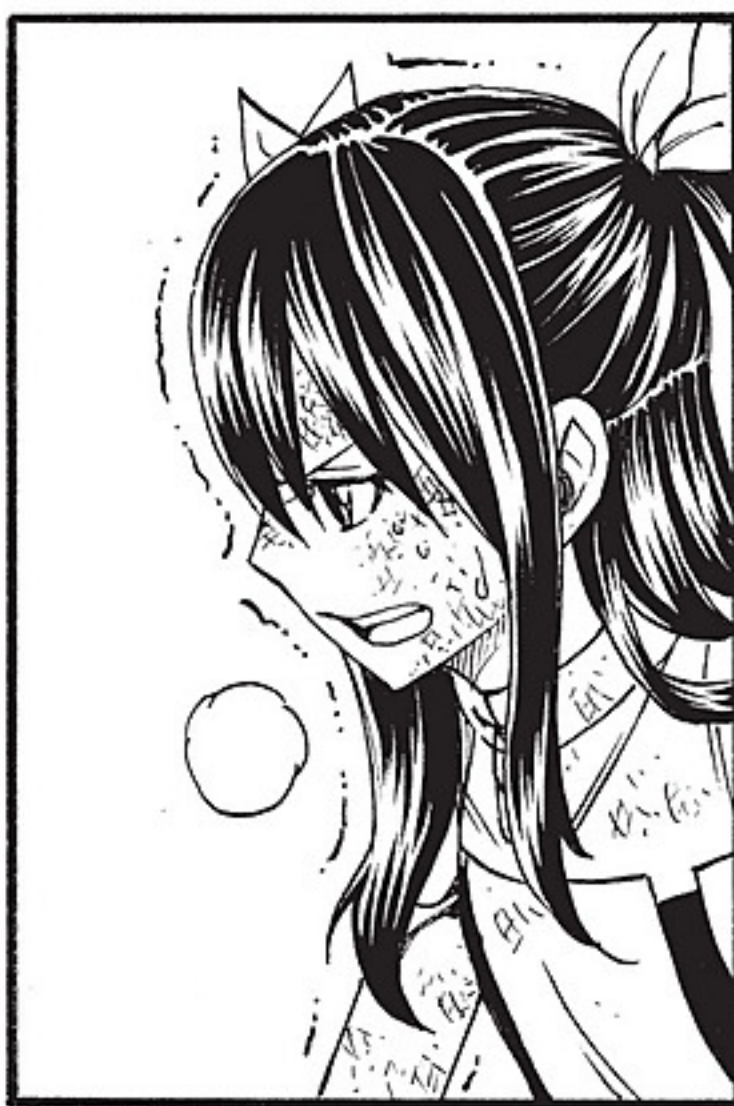
*Sky Drill











*It couldn't be
that this little girl
has some connection
to Zeref, could it?*



Sherria!



*That
would
put
Wendy
in grave
danger
!!!!*

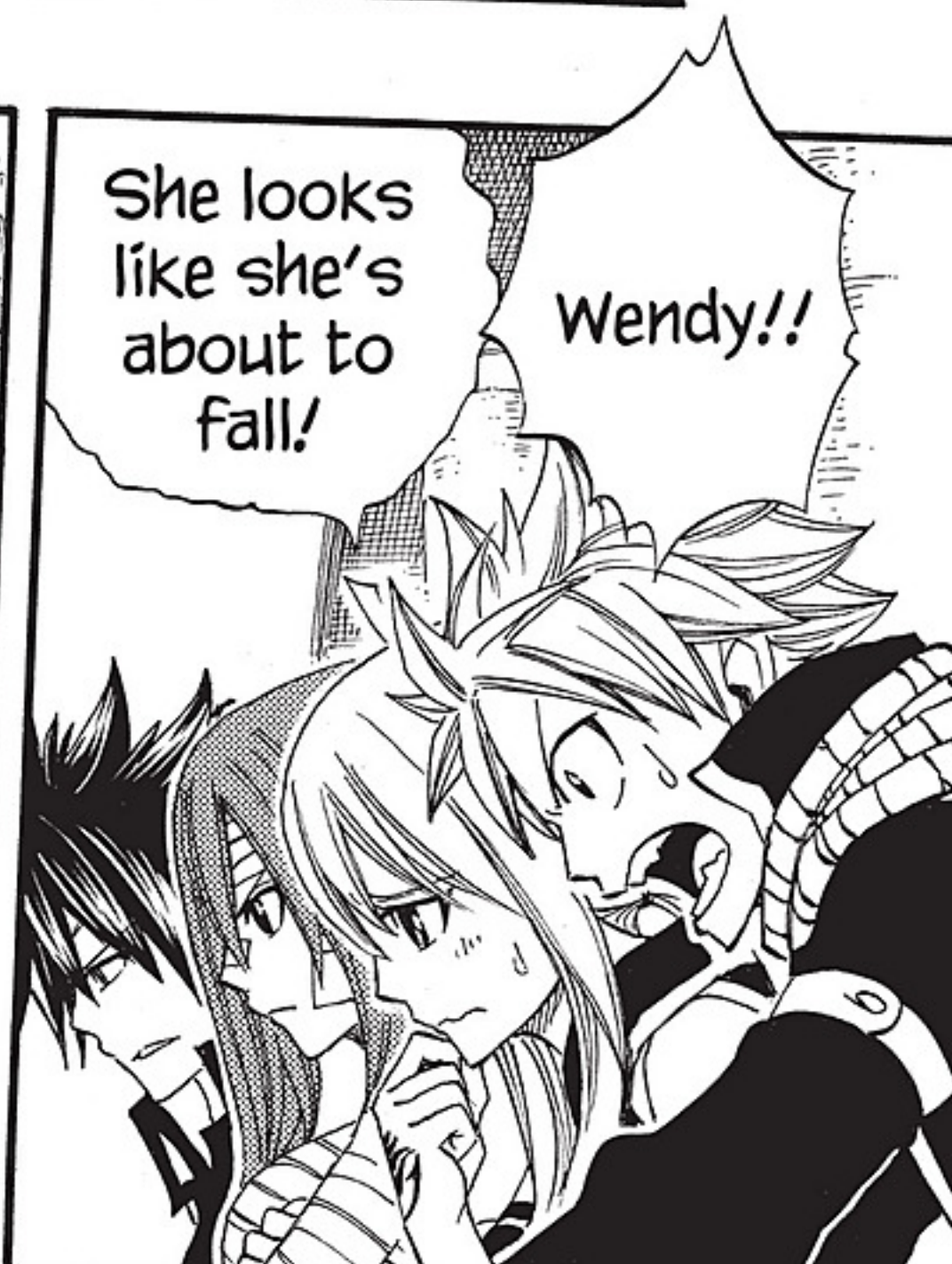
**No
!!!**

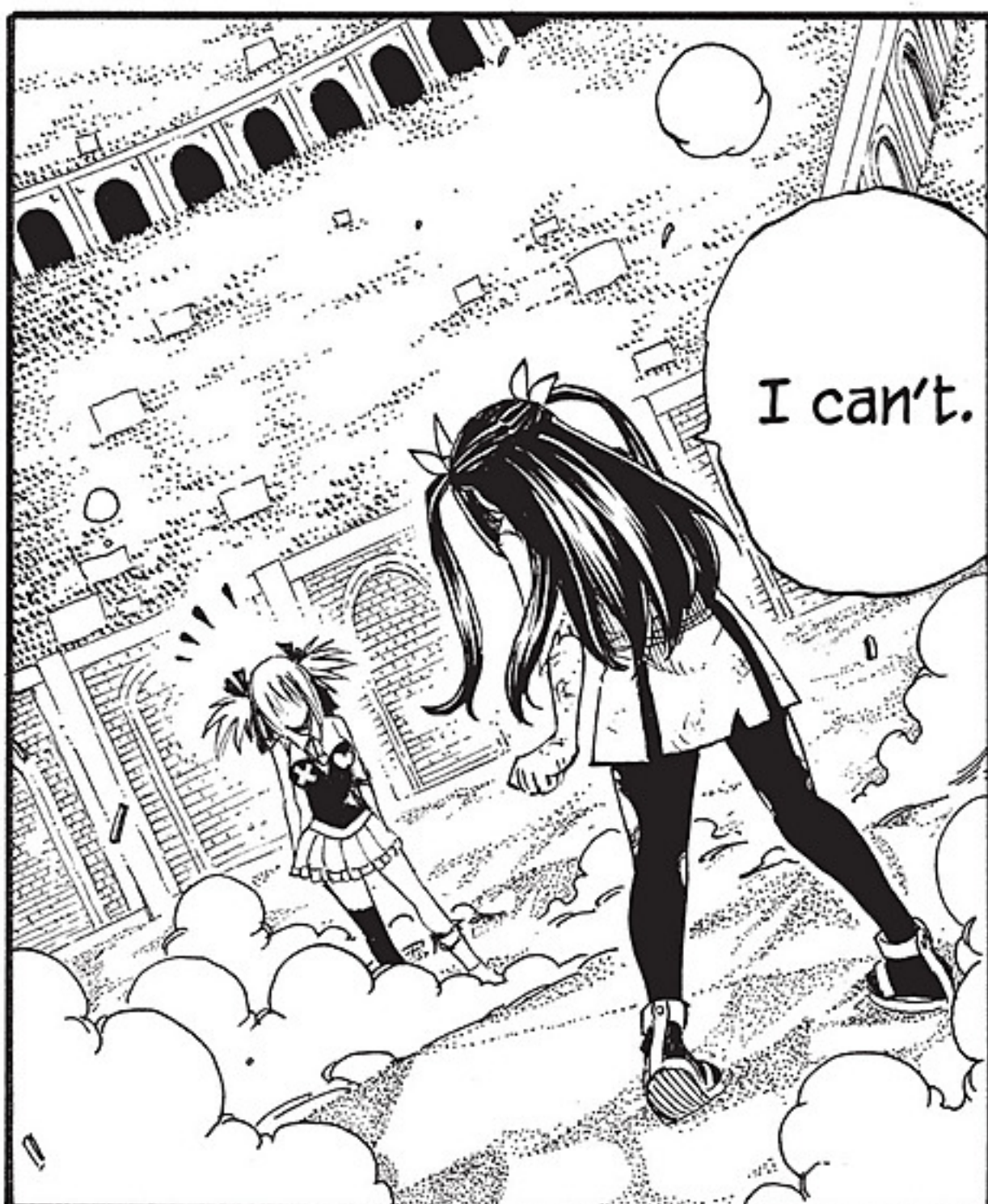
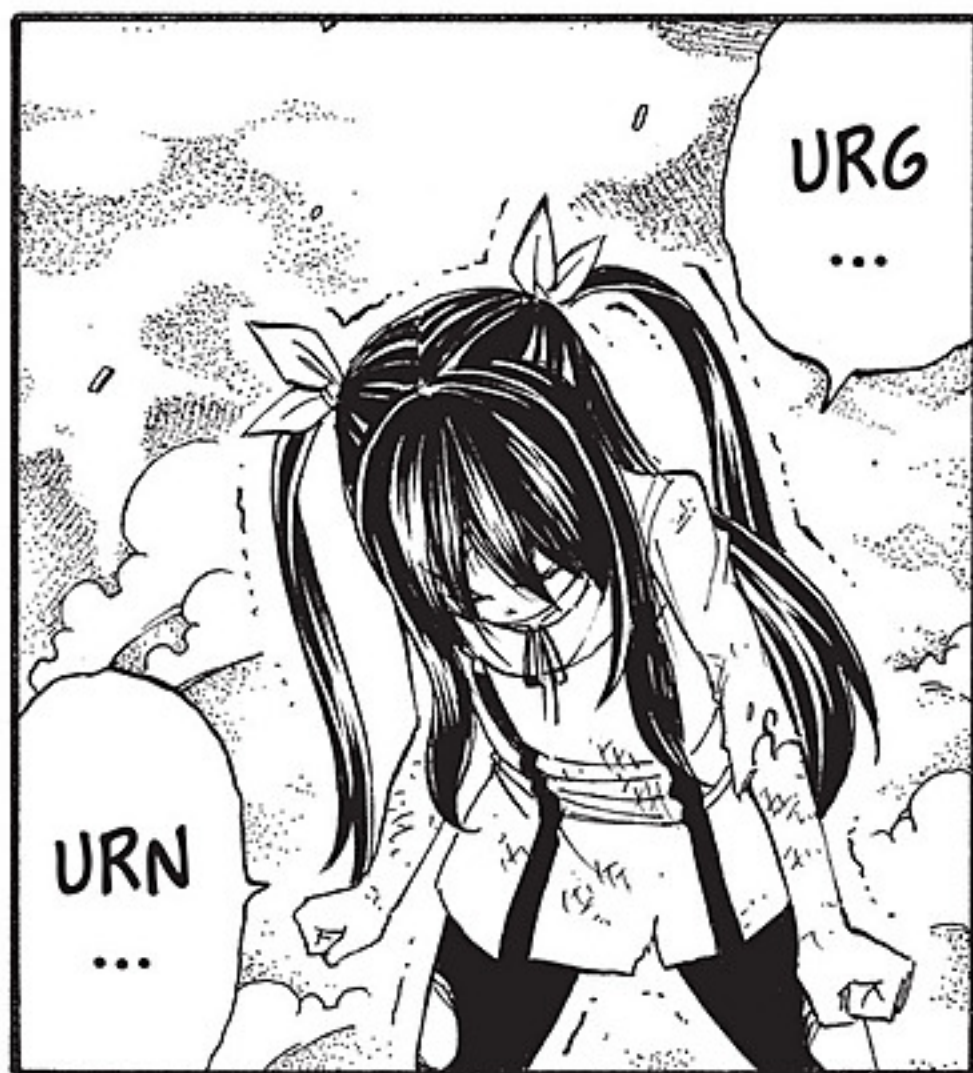
Fairy Tail

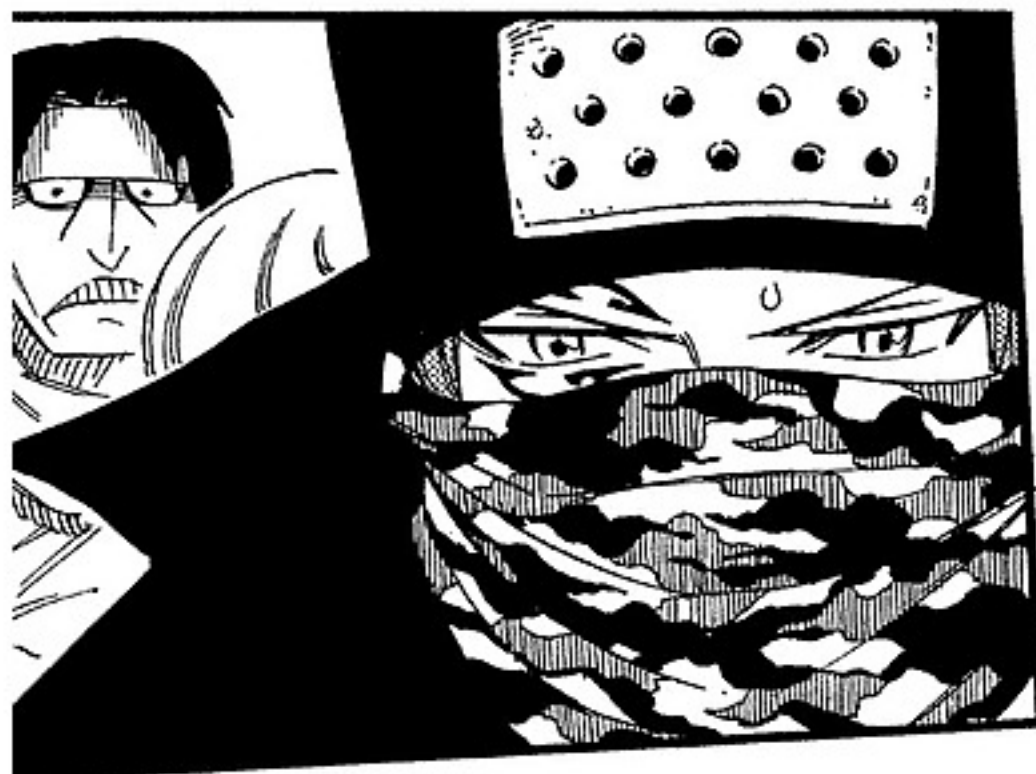
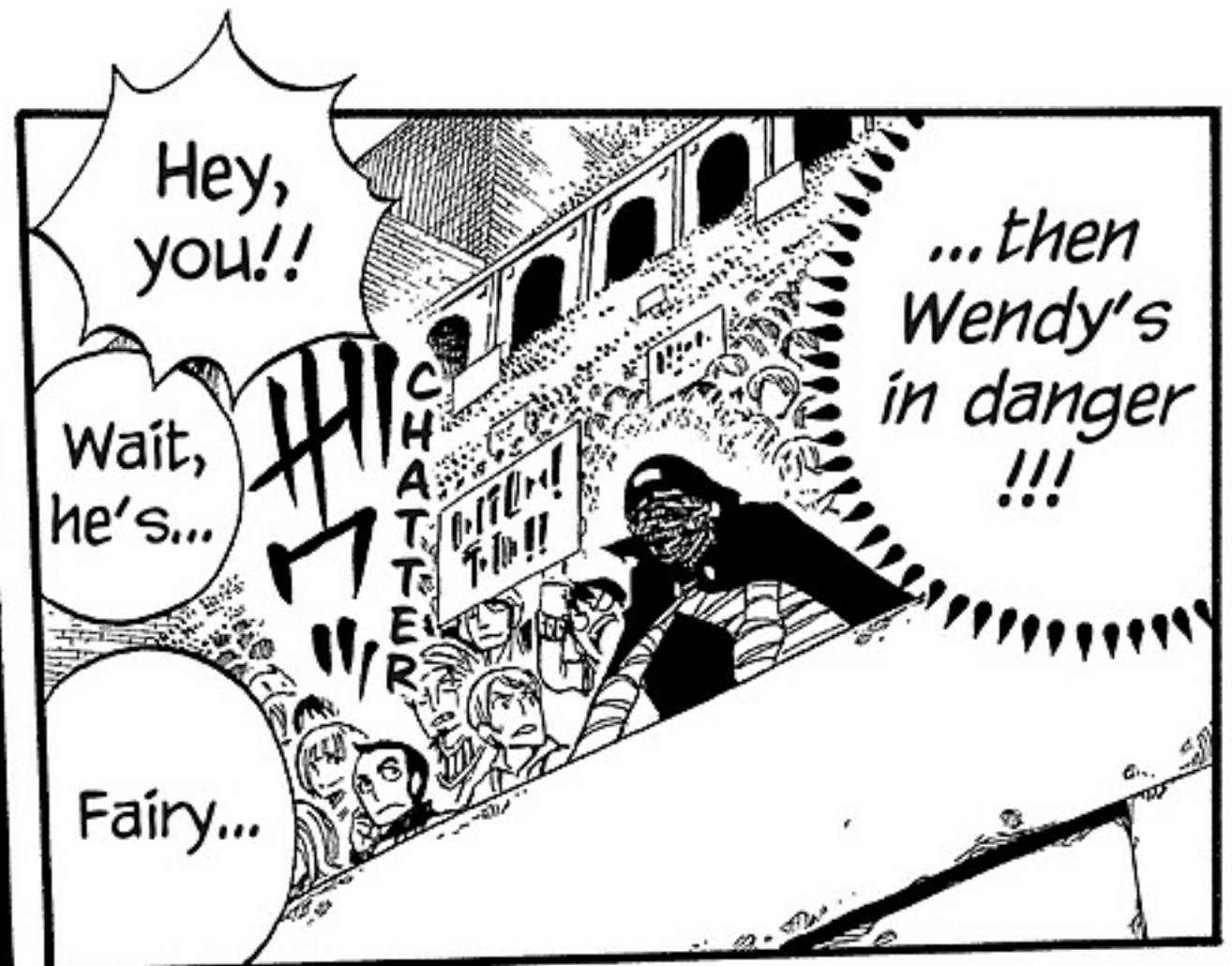
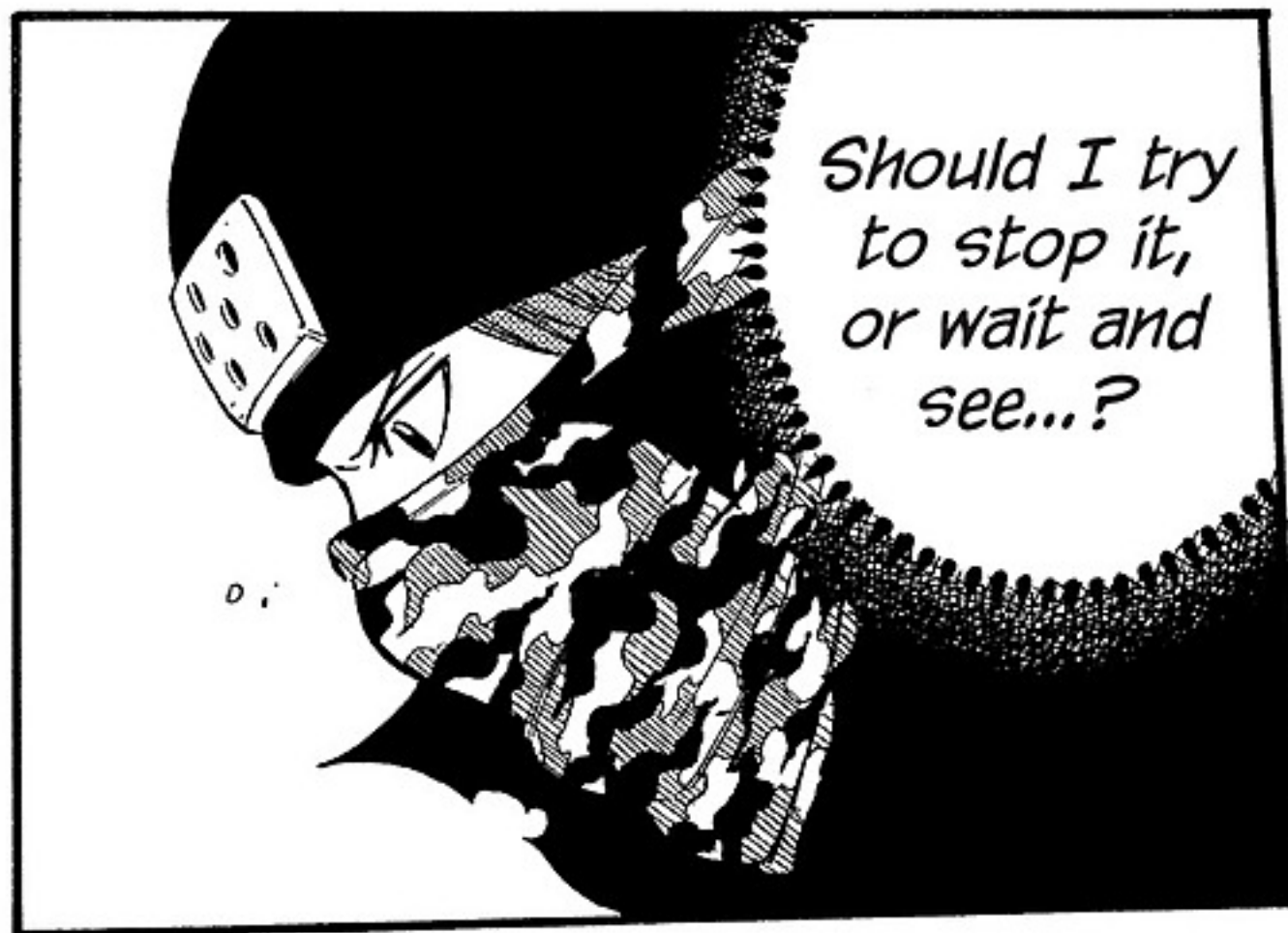
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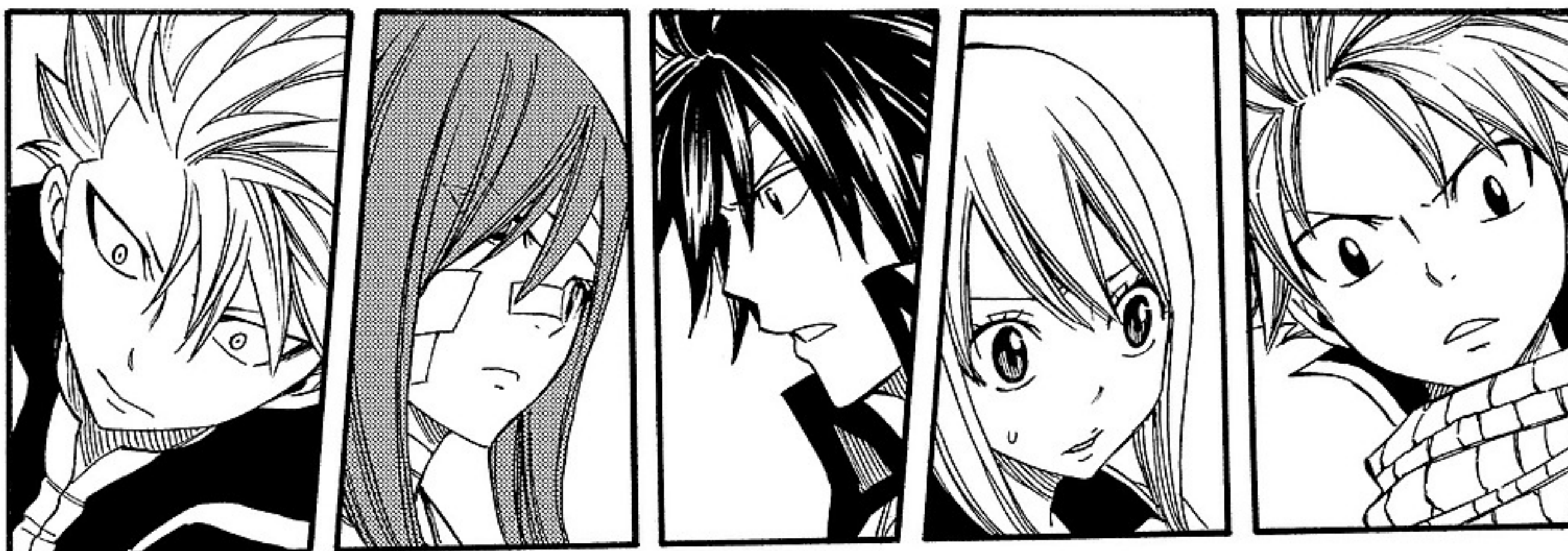
Chapter 289: Tiny Fists

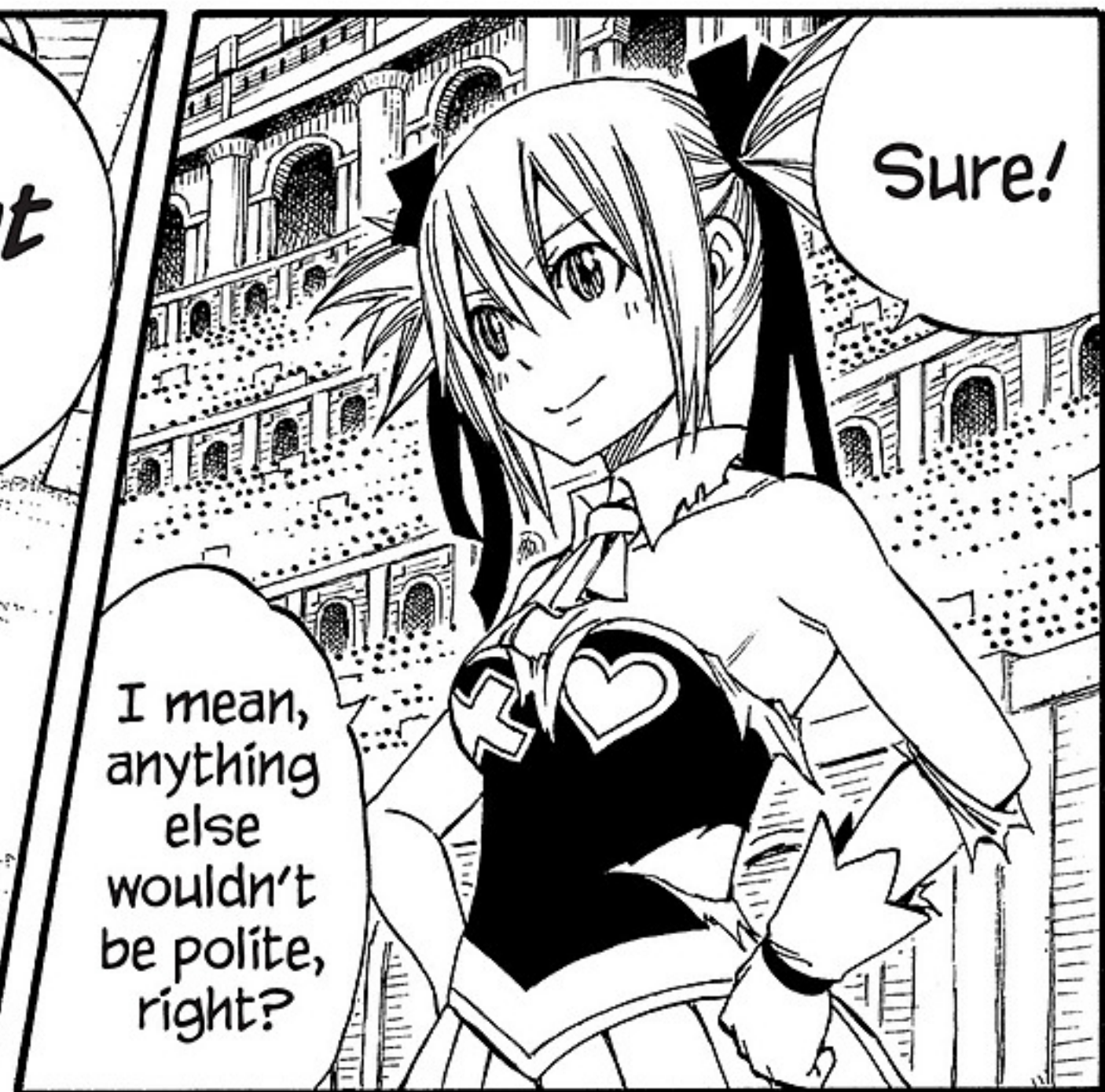
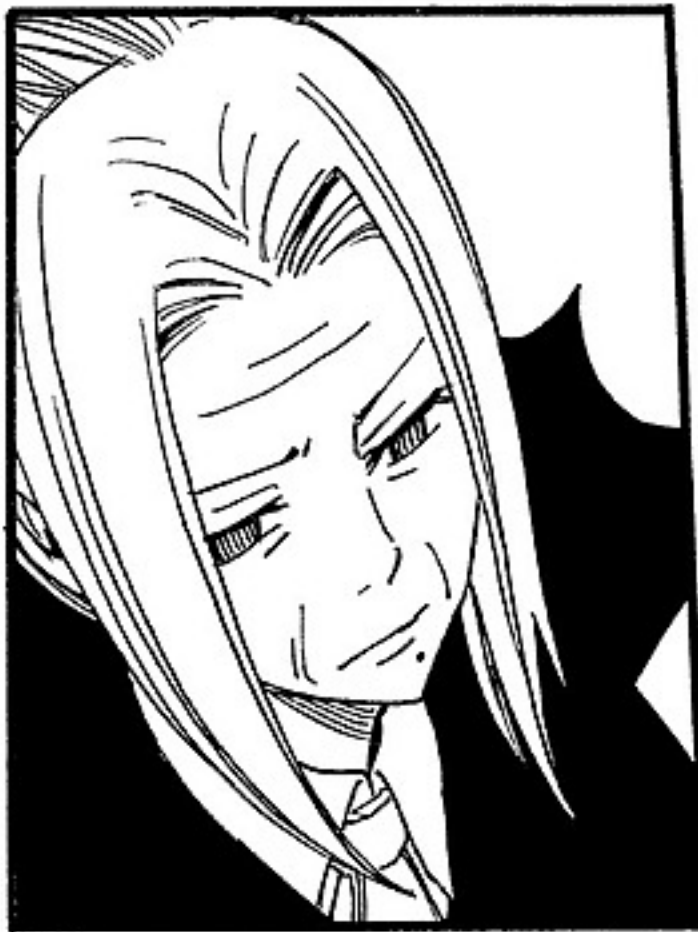














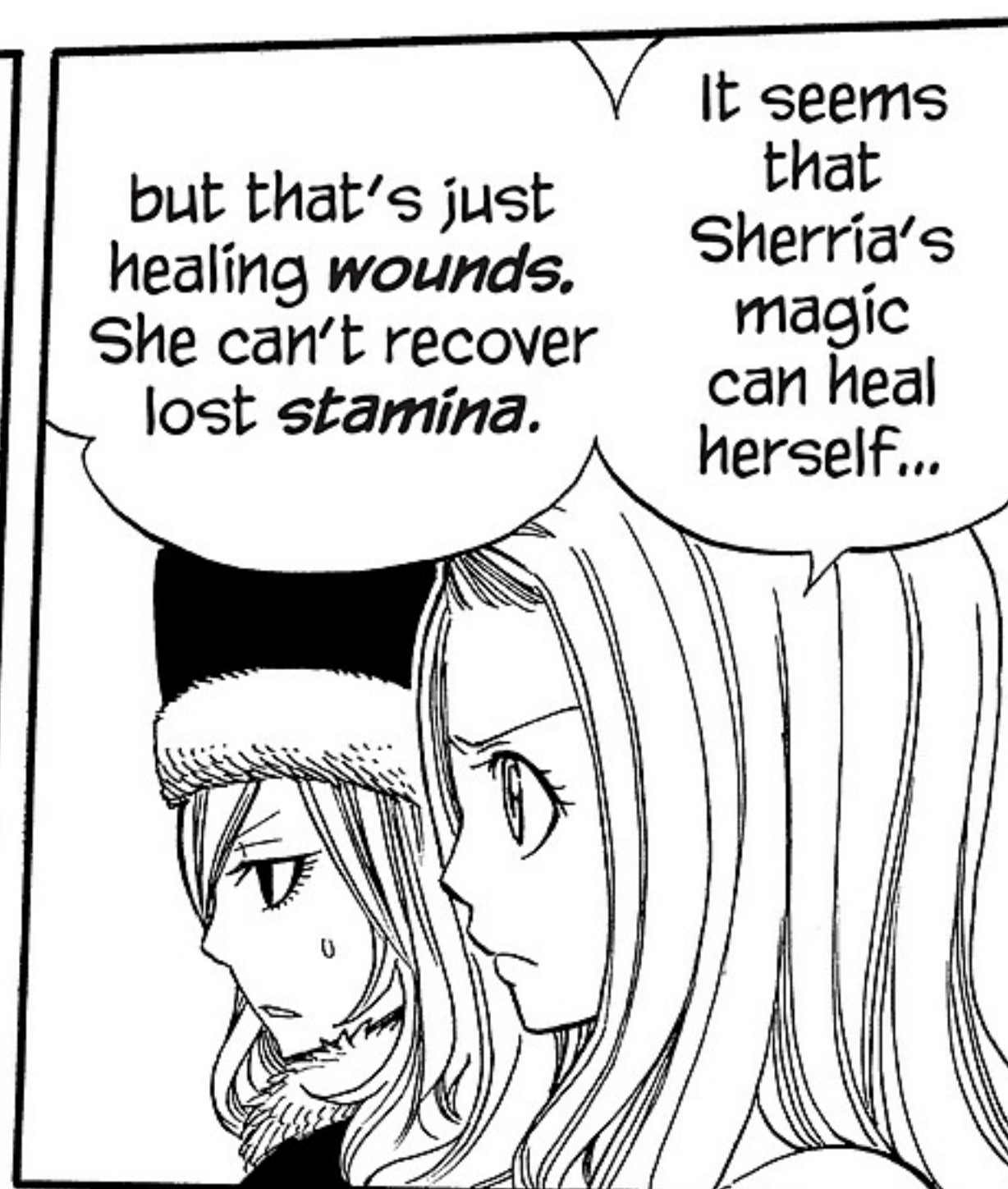
If she
comes at
me with
full force,
I have to
answer
!!!

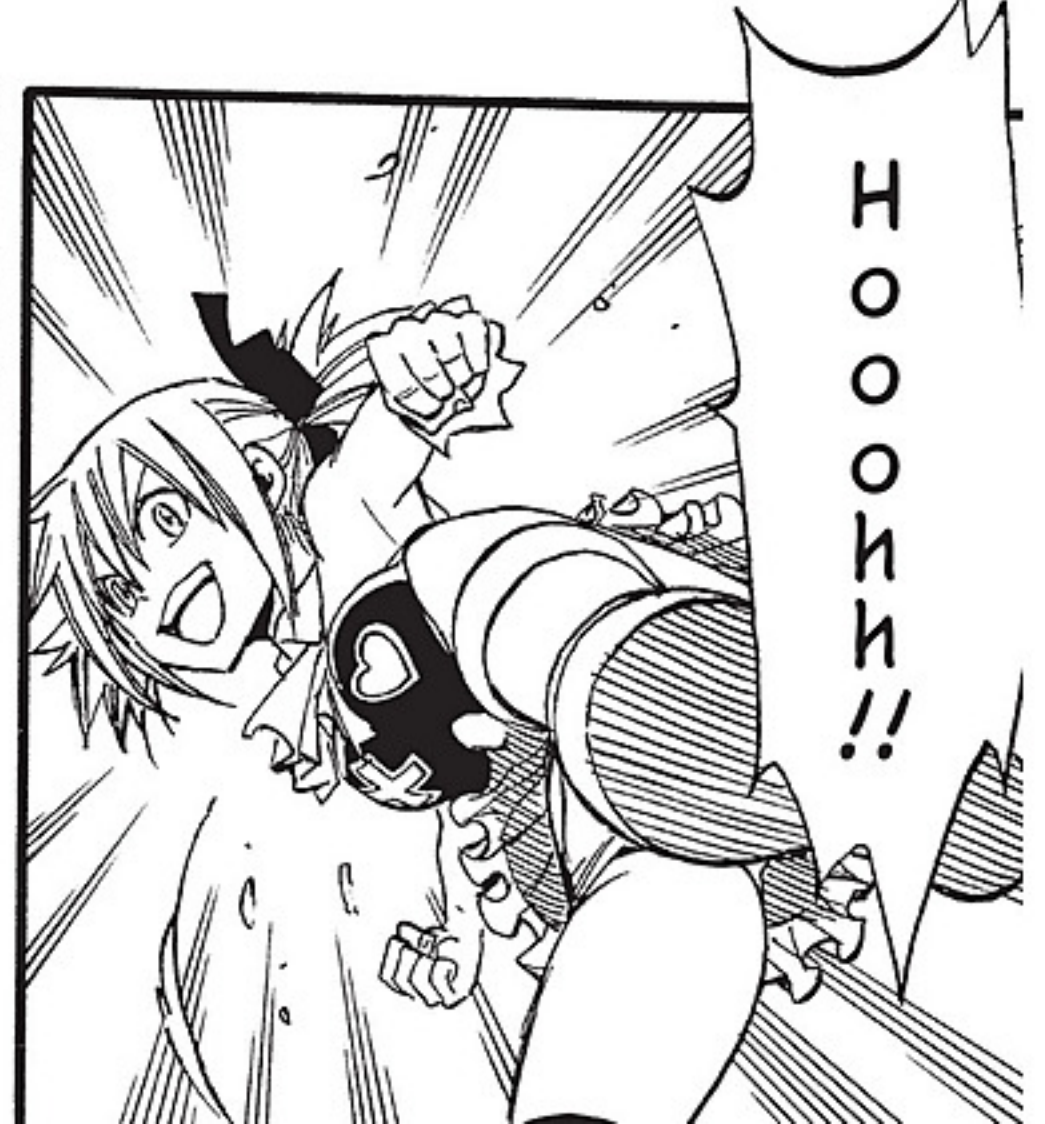
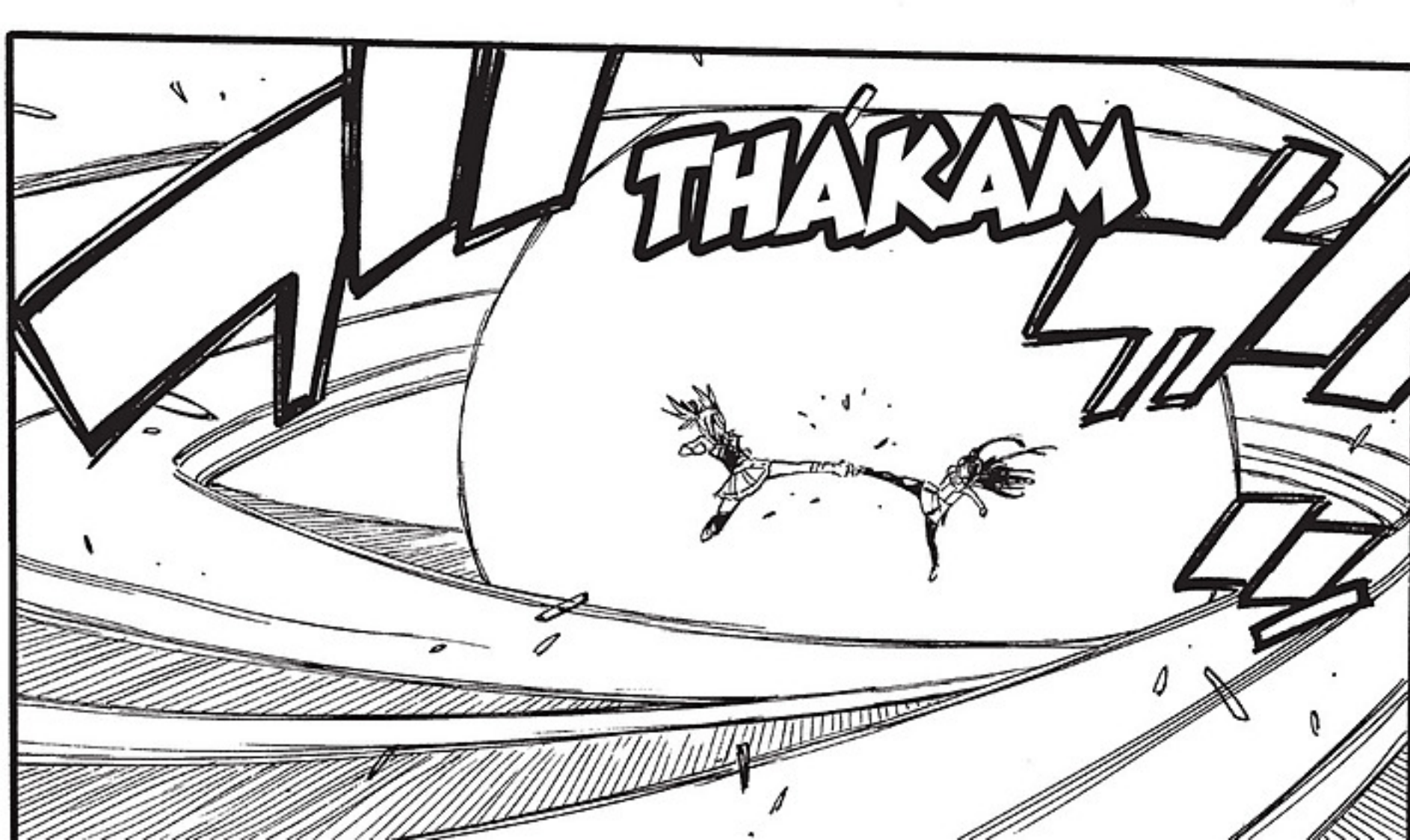


**AMANO
MURA-
KUMO*
!!!!**

KABOOOM!

+
+
+
+







IS THAT
TENACITY
ALL FOR THE
SAKE OF THEIR
GUILDS?!!

TINY FISTS,
BASHING INTO
EACH OTHER!!!

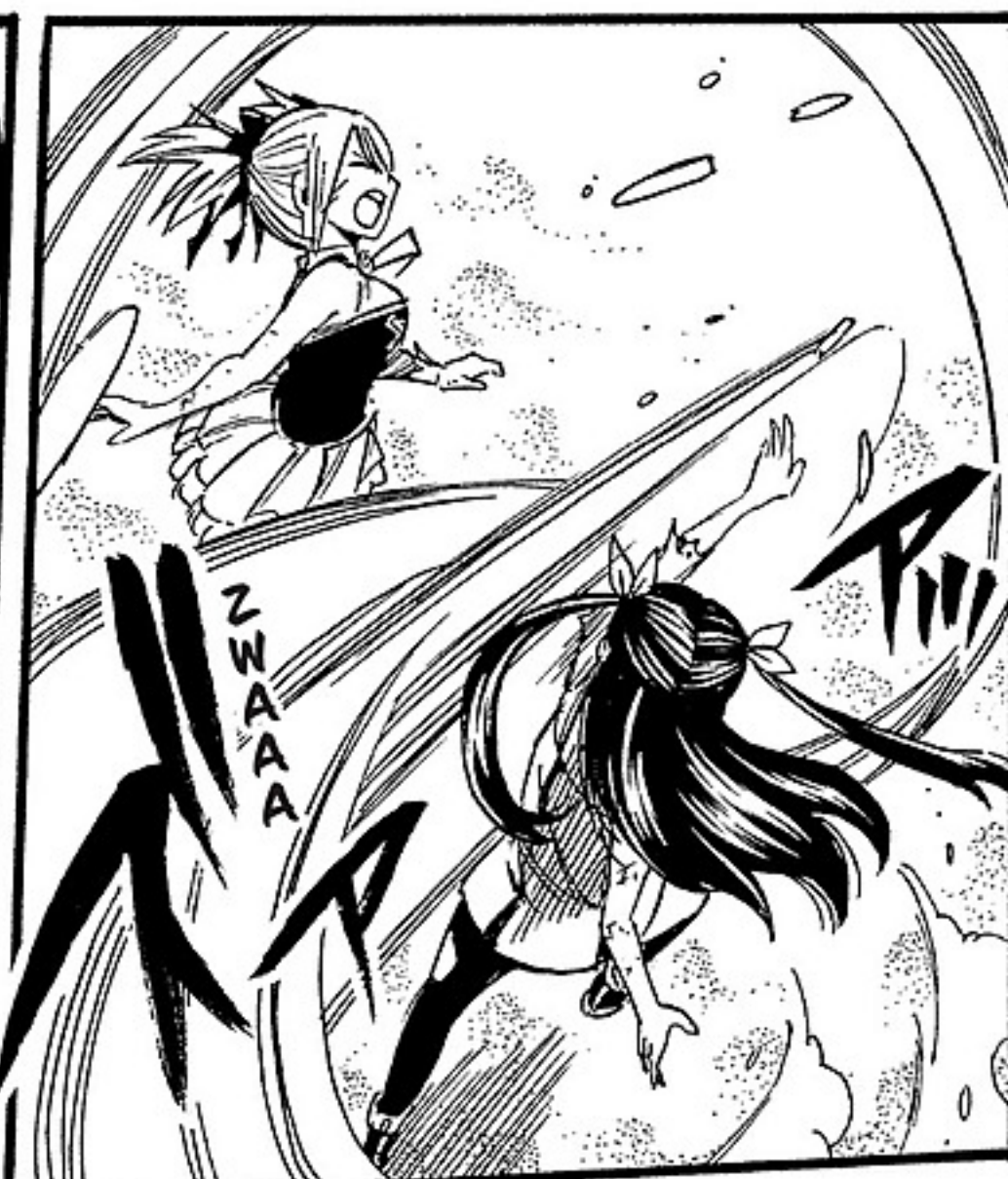


NEITHER ONE
BACKS OFF A
STEP!!!

WHAT AN
AMAZING TURN
OF EVENTS!!!



I cannot
stop
this...

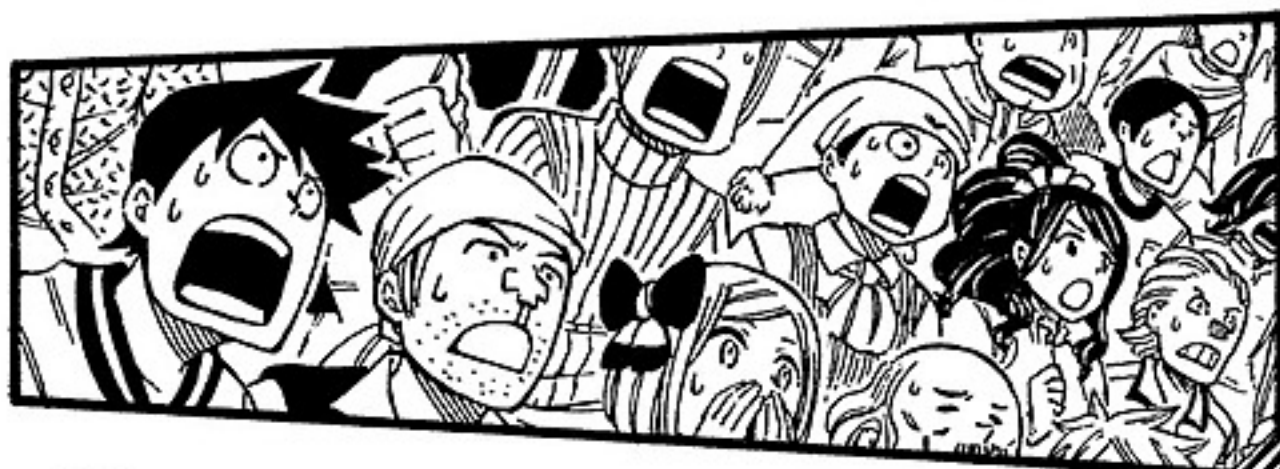


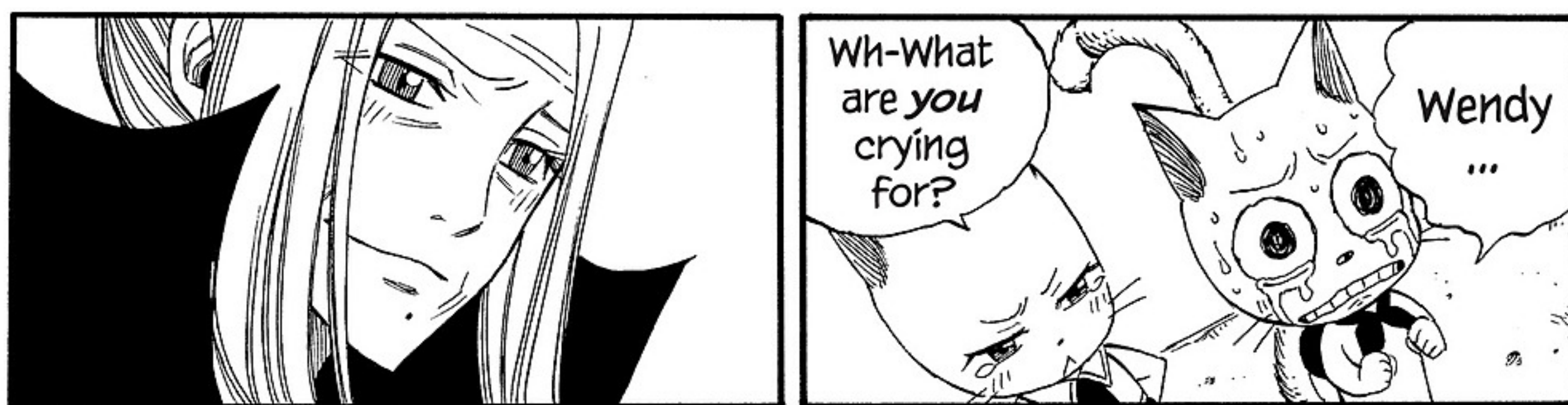
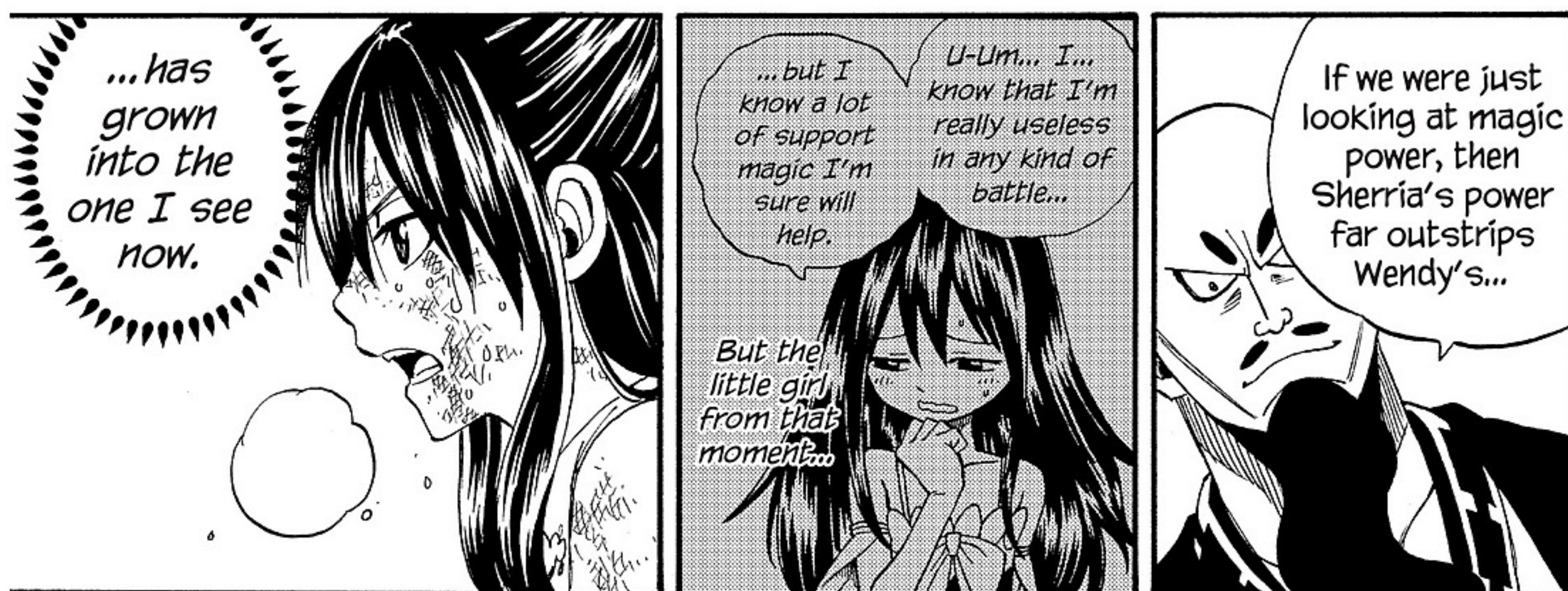
...but their
passion is
as big as
the sky...

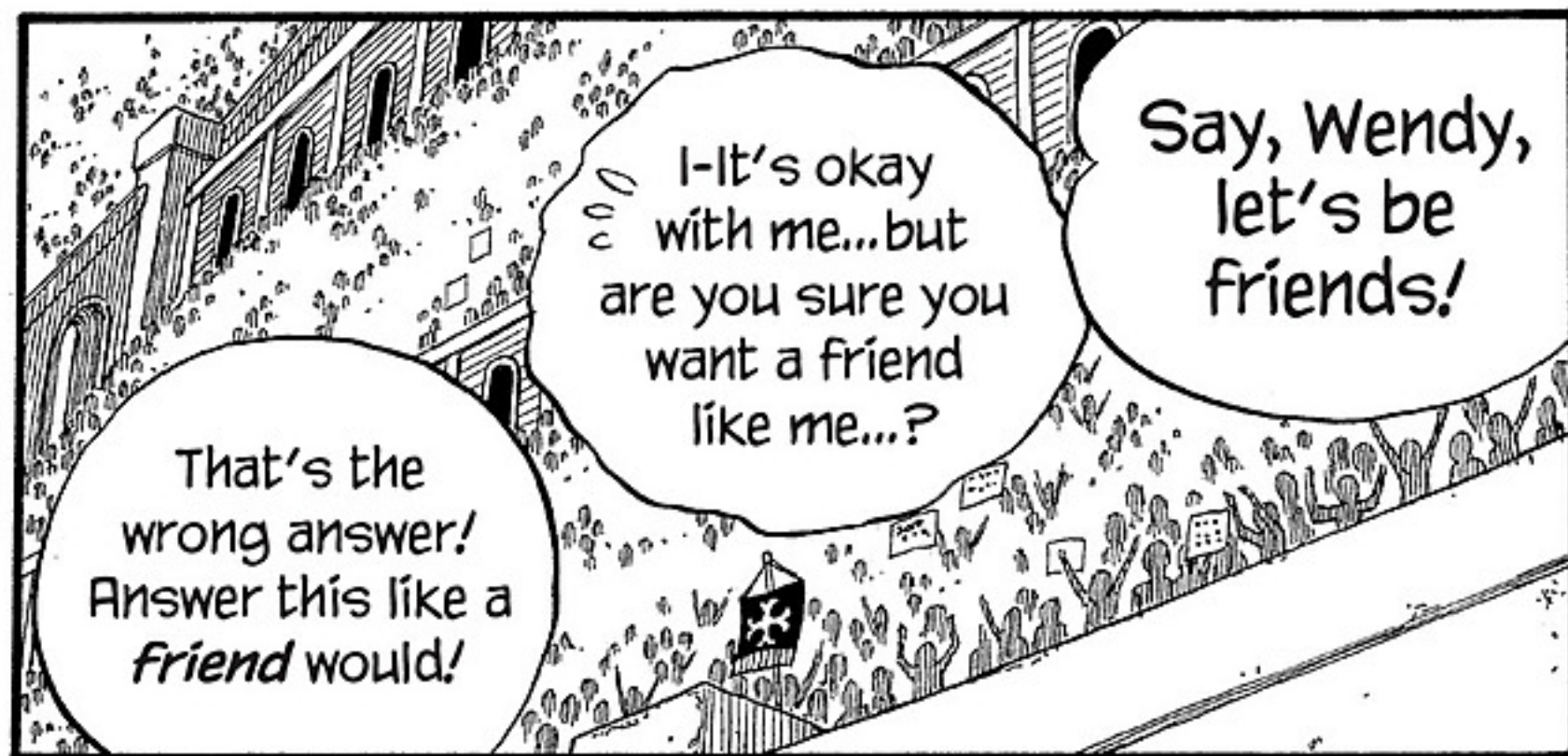


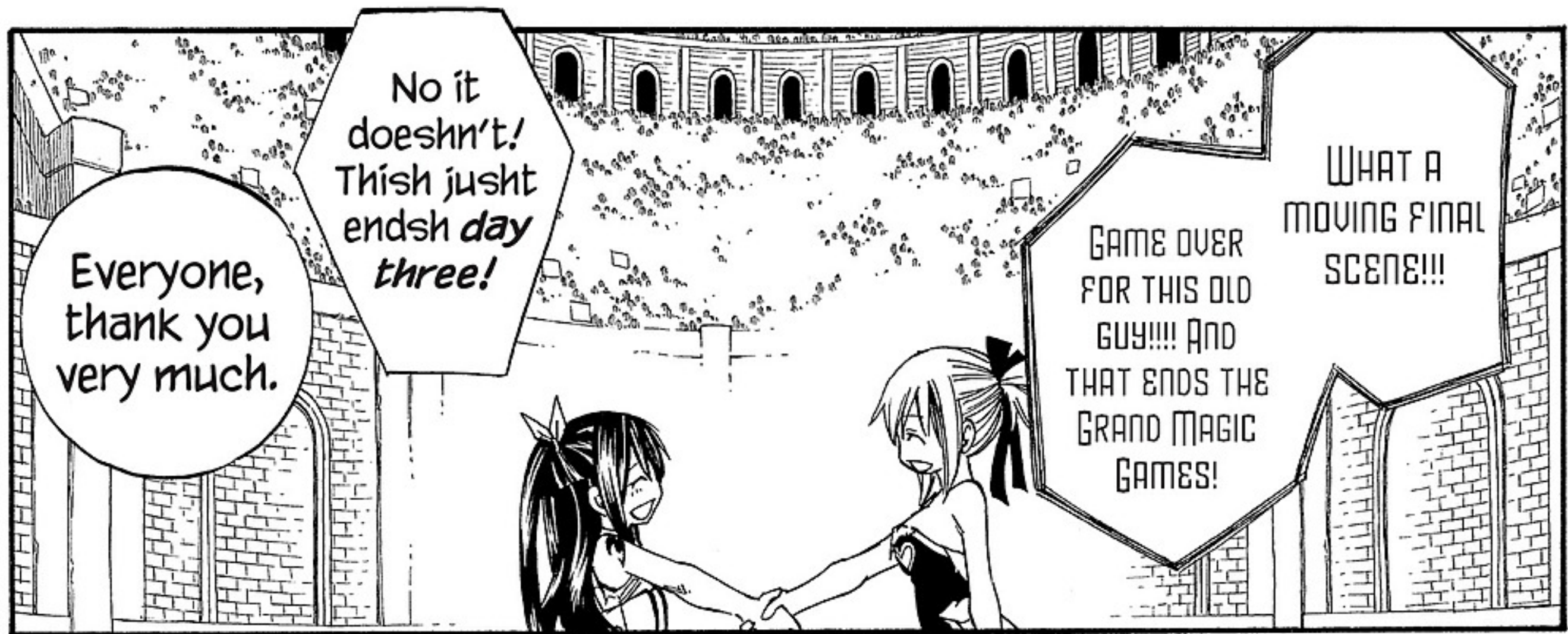
Their fists
may be
small...

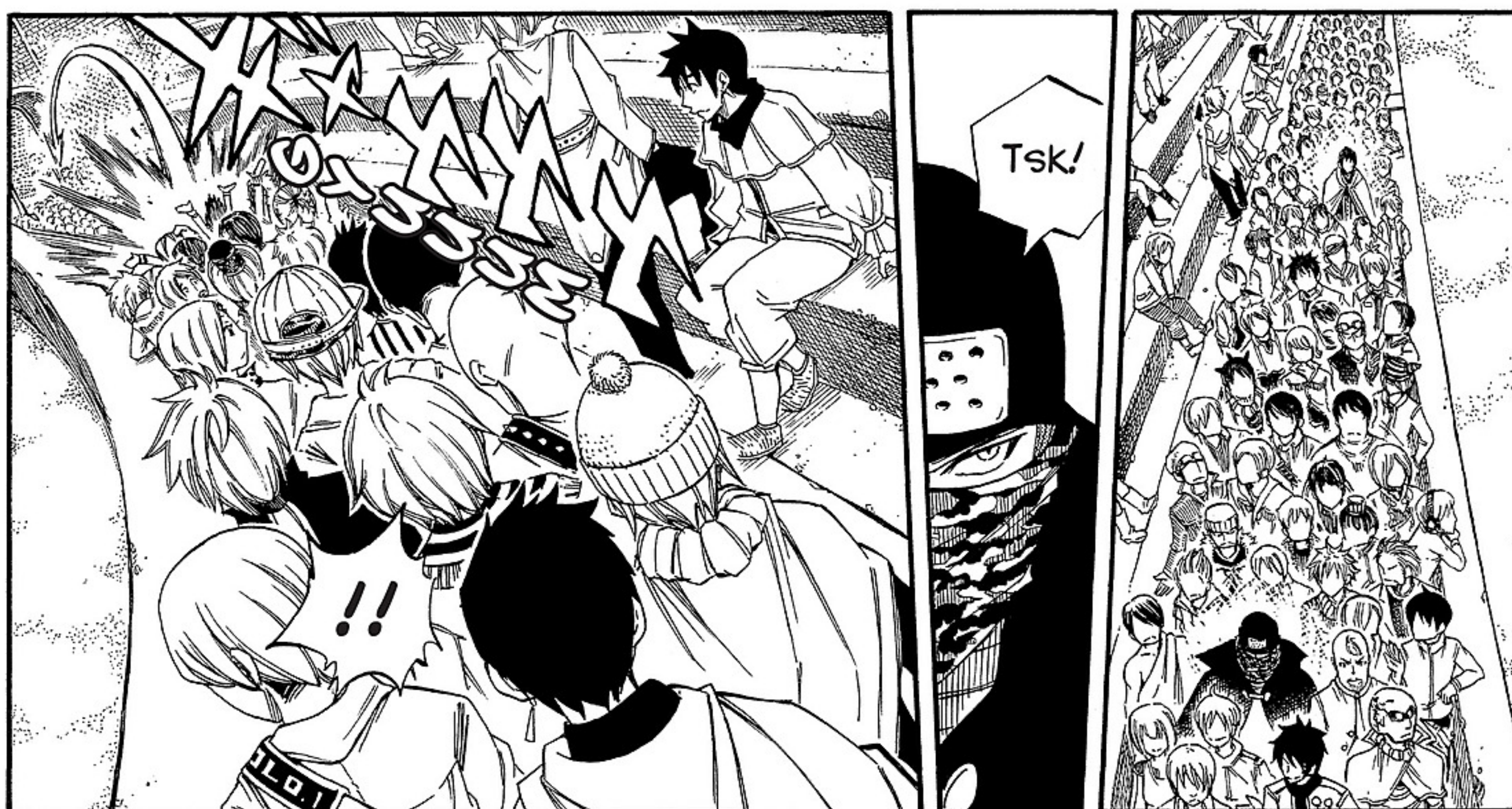


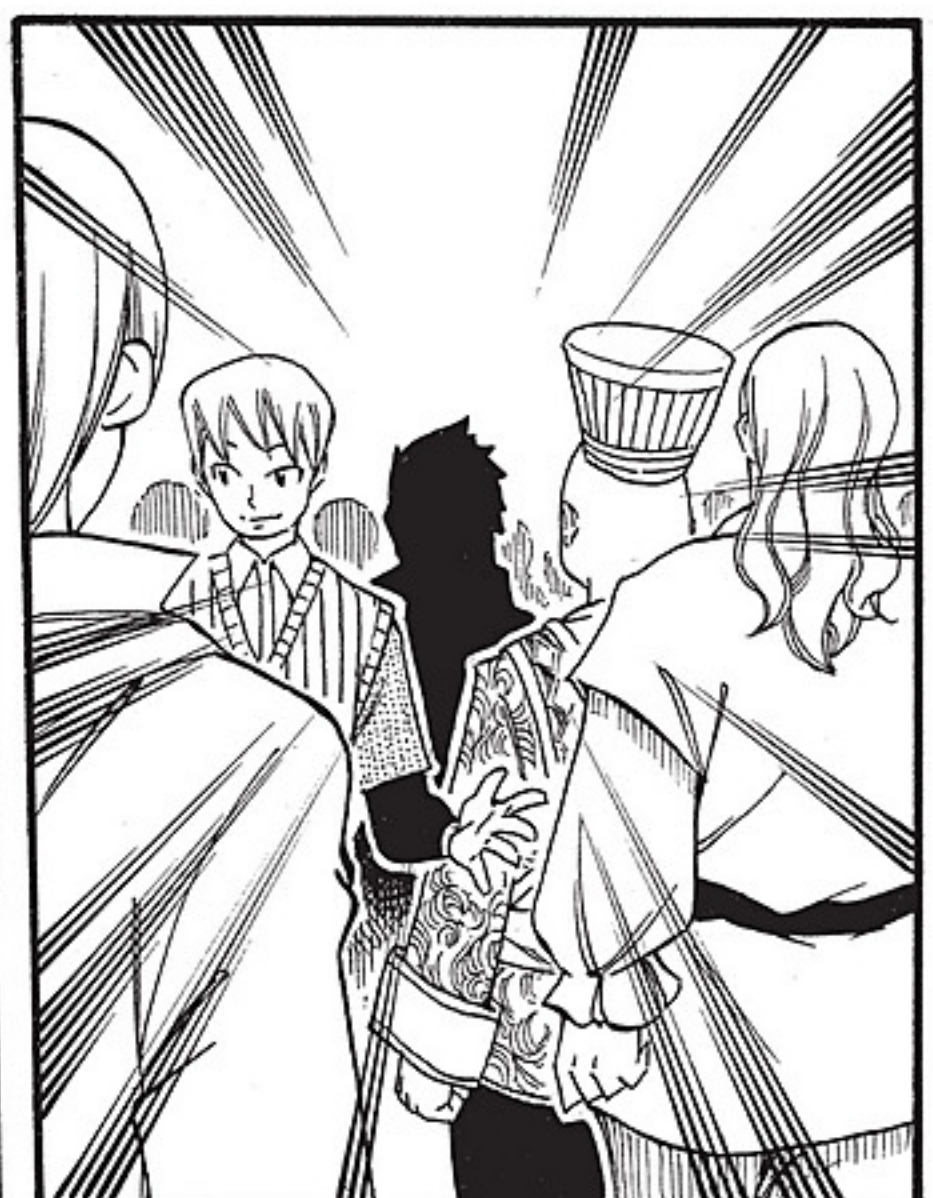
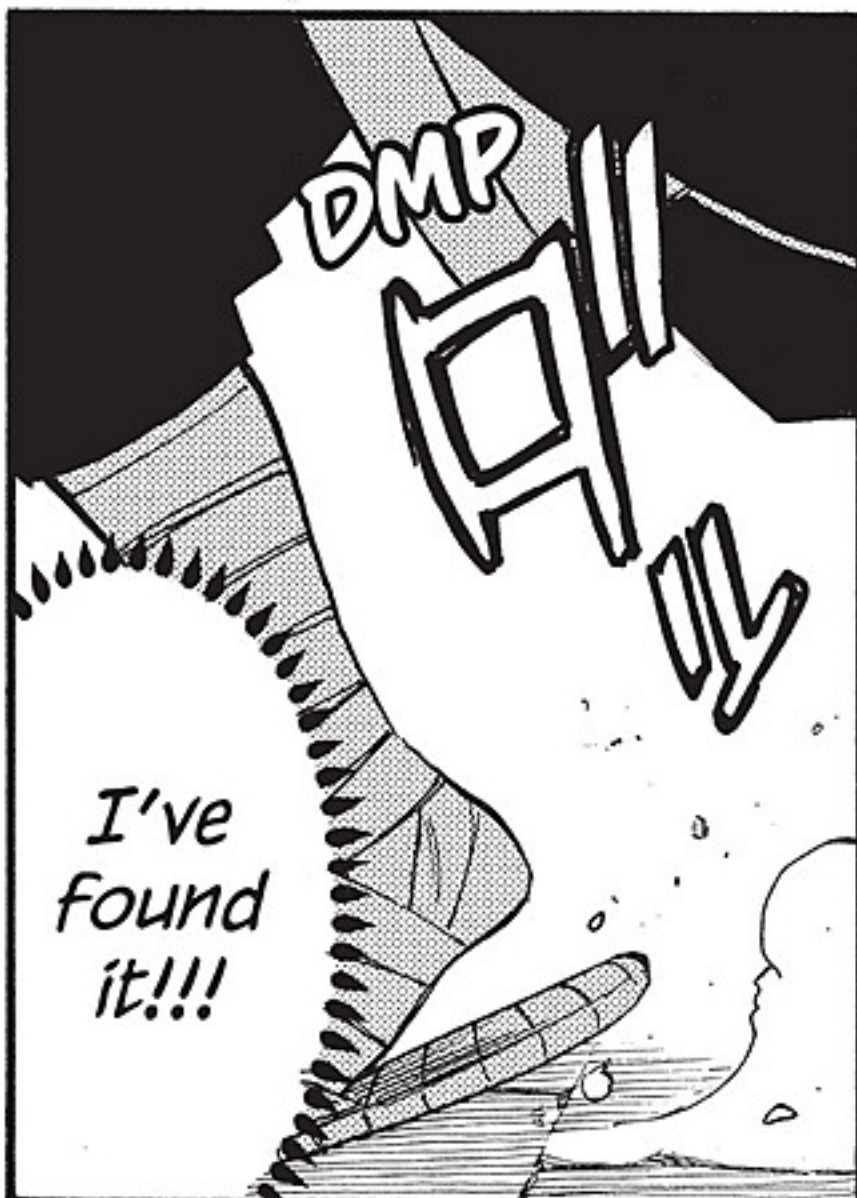
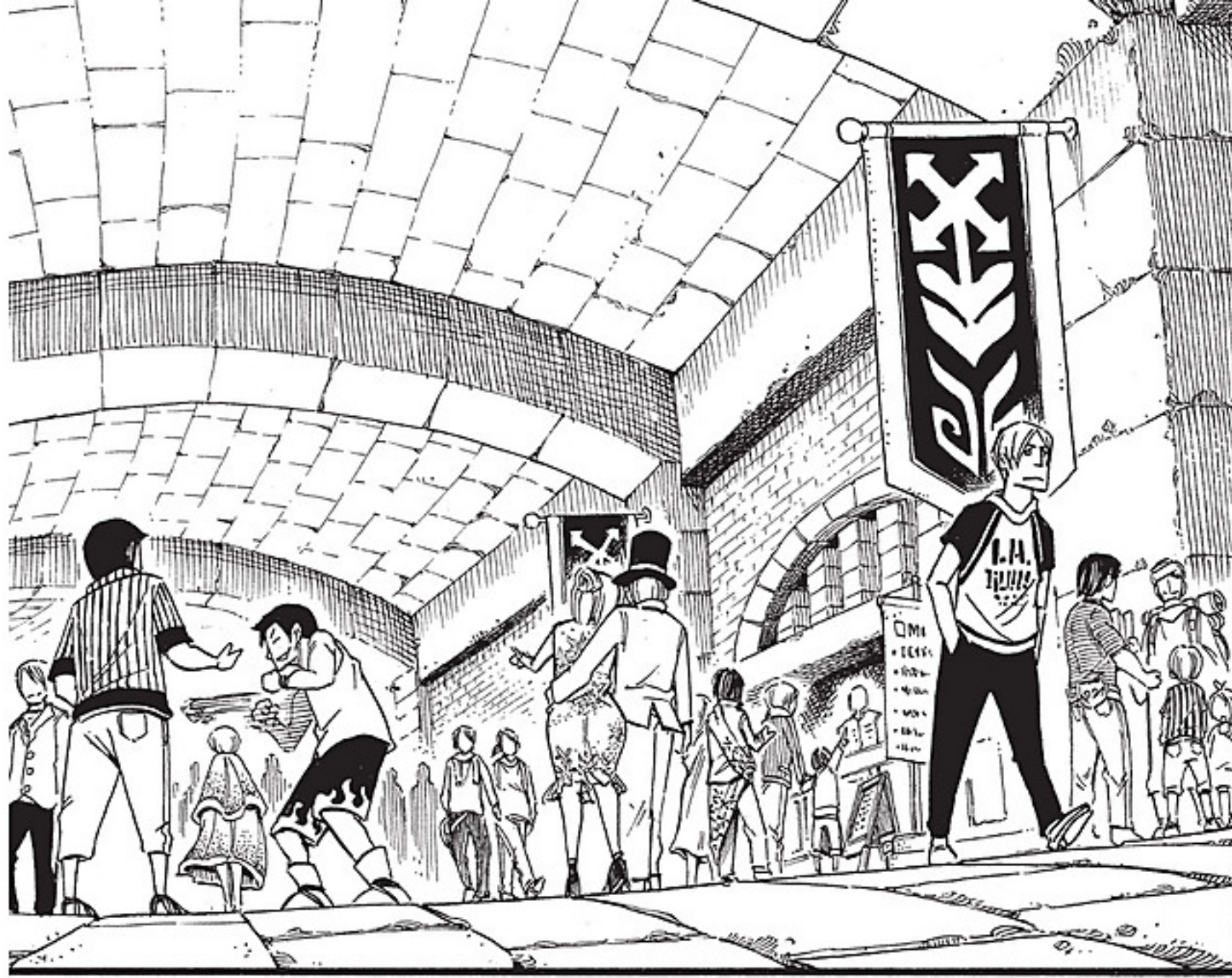








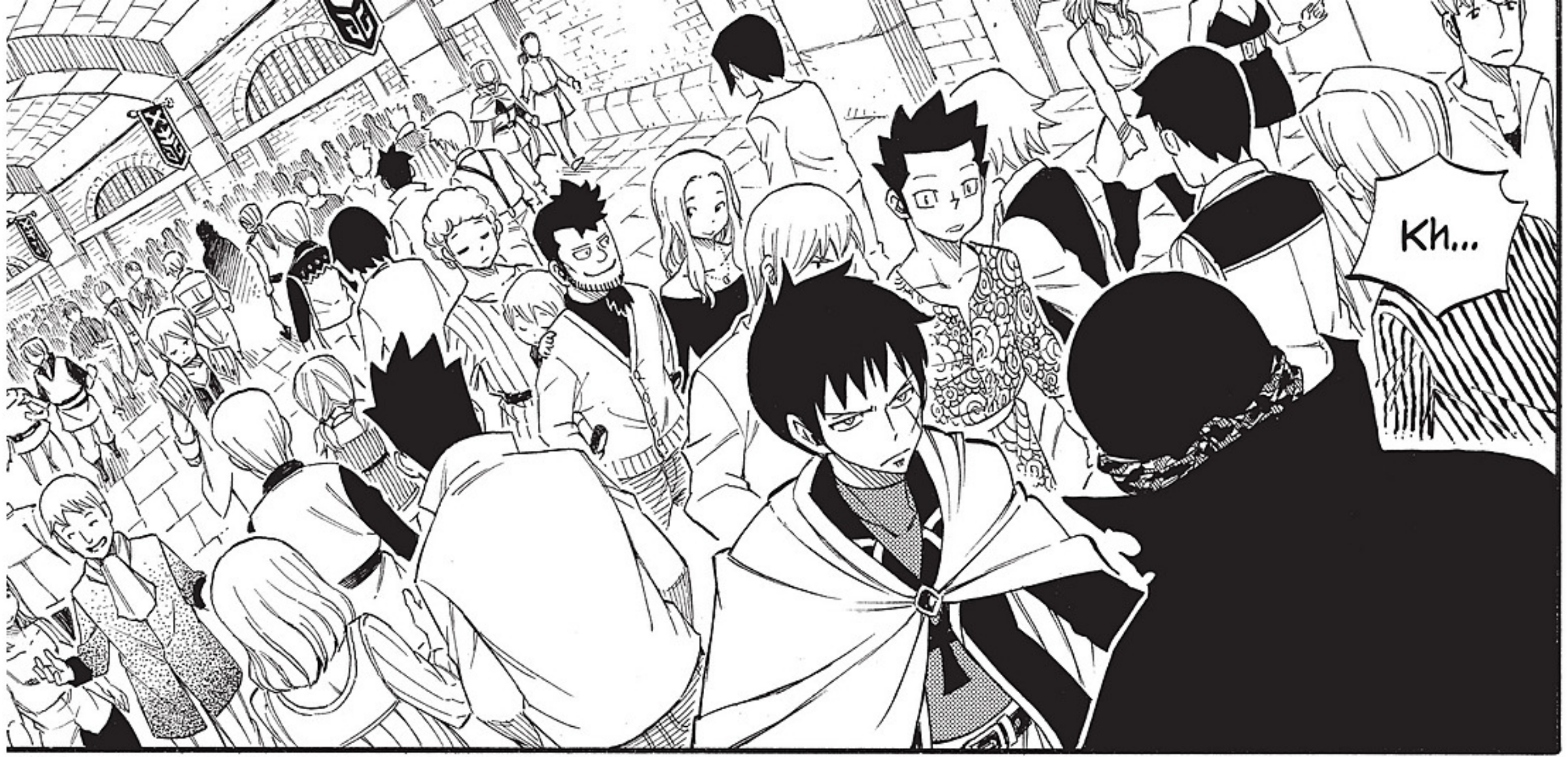






*Pants: Dance of Purgatory





No... Right now, to the world, I am a Fairy Tail wizard!



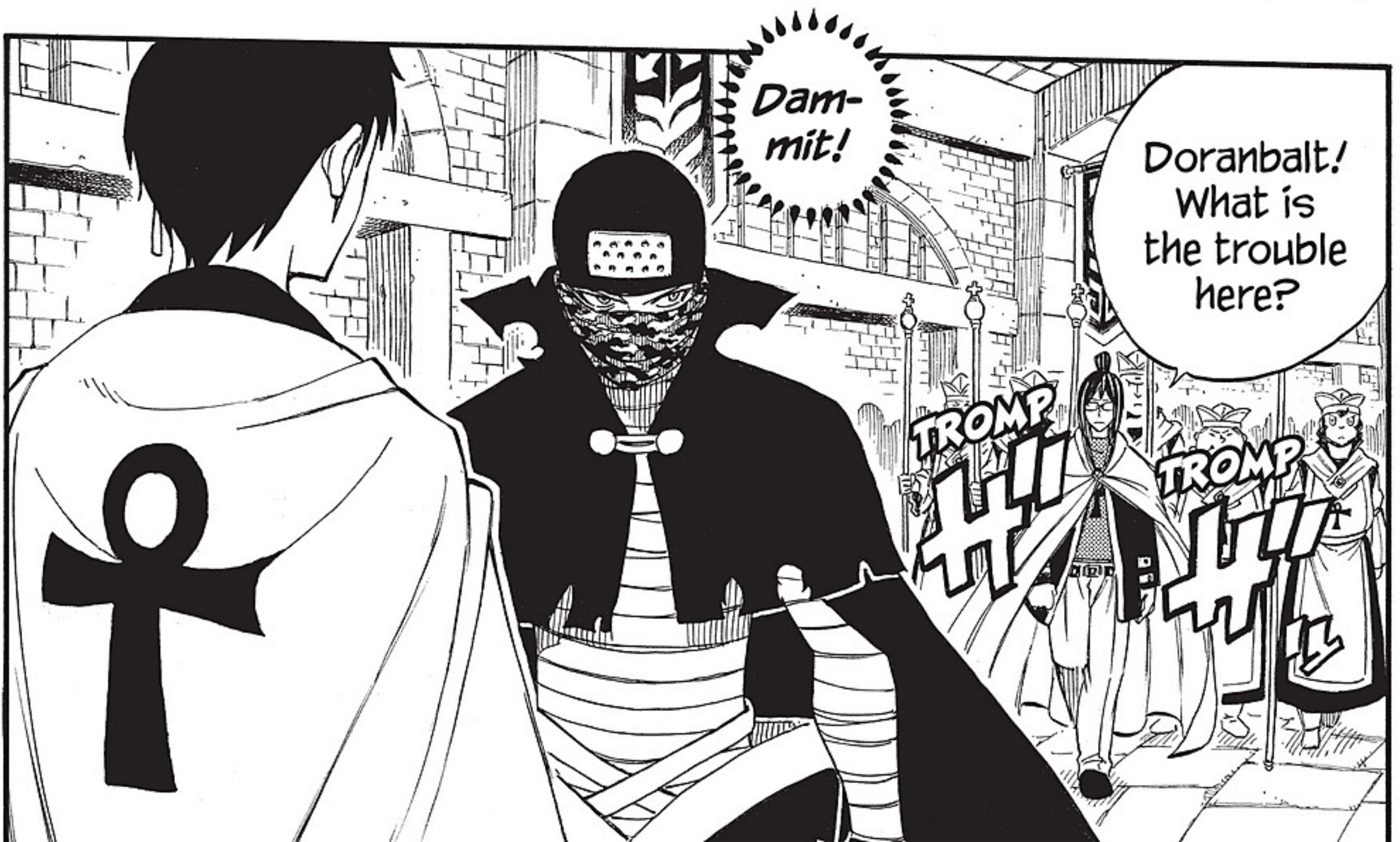
I'll just knock him out cold, and...



Just who are you?!!



And the one putting out that mysterious magic is right in front of me...!!

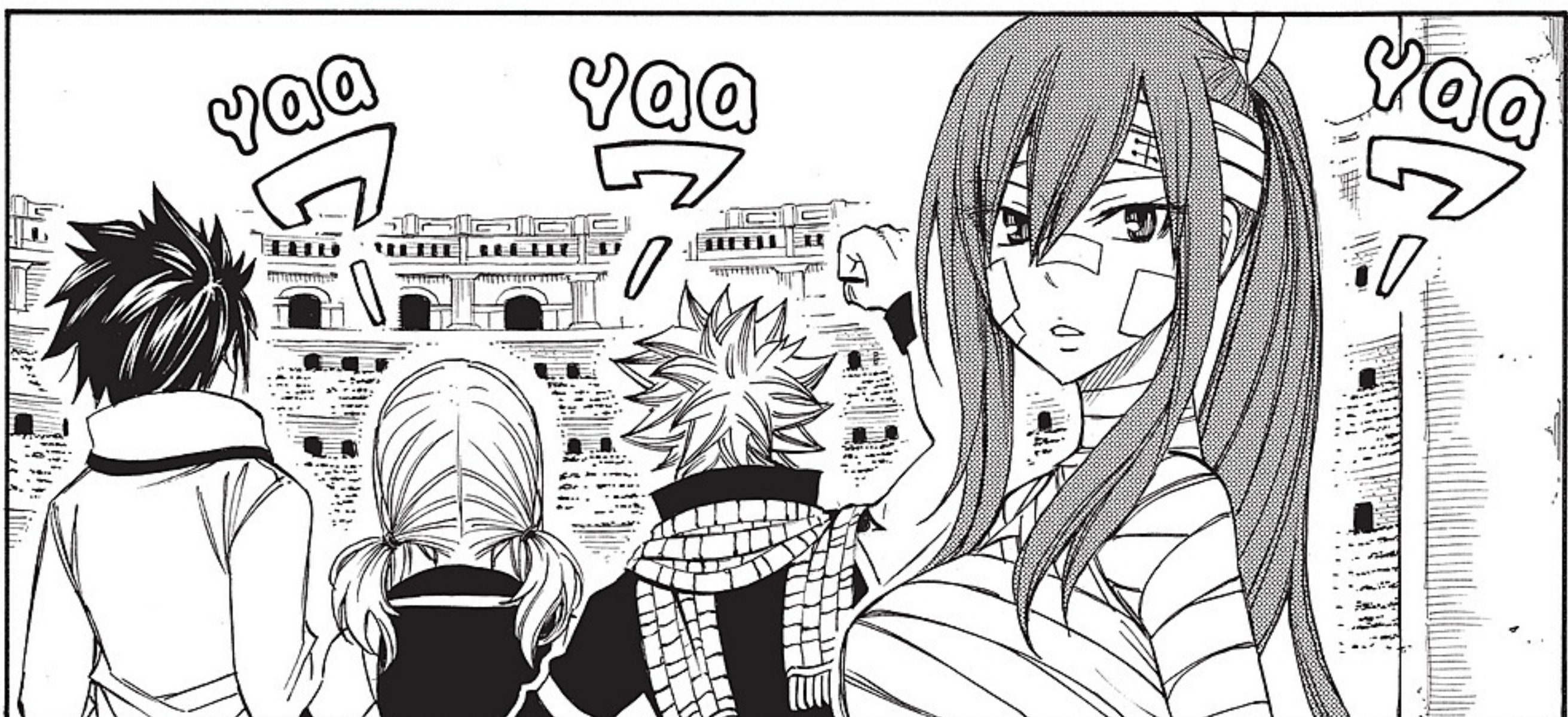


Dammit!

Doranbalt! What is the trouble here?

TROMP

TROMP



FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Grand Magic Games Results of the 3rd Day

1. Raven Tail	36P	→	1. Saber Tooth	34P
2. Lamia Scale	26P + 5	→	2. Mermaid Heel	32P
3. Saber Tooth	24P + 10	→	3. Lamia Scale	31P
4. Mermaid Heel	22P + 10	→	4. Fairy Tail B	30P
4. Fairy Tail A	22P + 5	→	5. Fairy Tail A	27P
6. Fairy Tail B	20P + 10	→	6. Blue Pegasus	18P
7. Blue Pegasus	18P + 0	→	7. Quatro Puppy	14P
8. Quatro Puppy	14P + 0	→	X Raven Tail	DQ

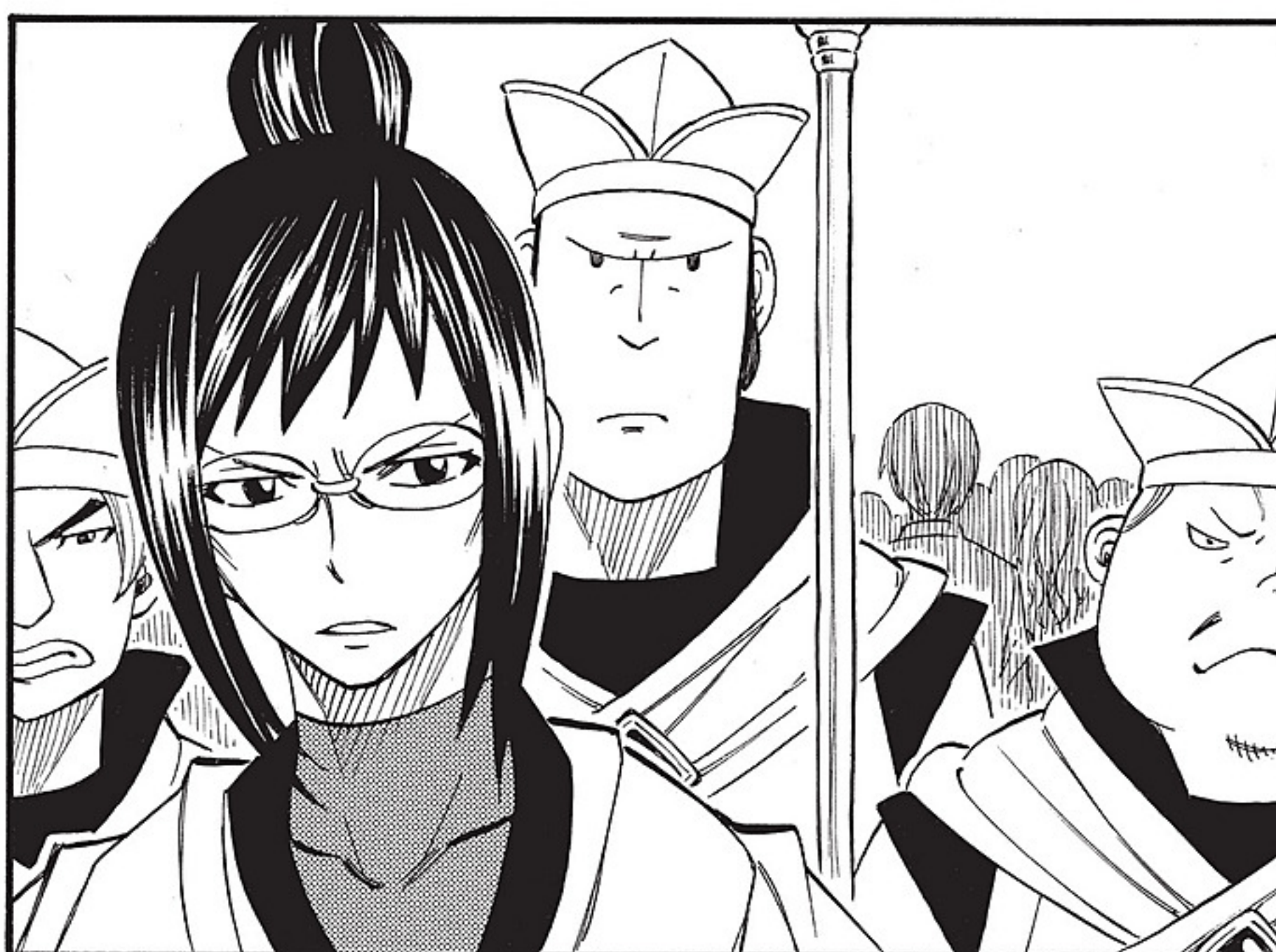
I must
think on
this a bit...

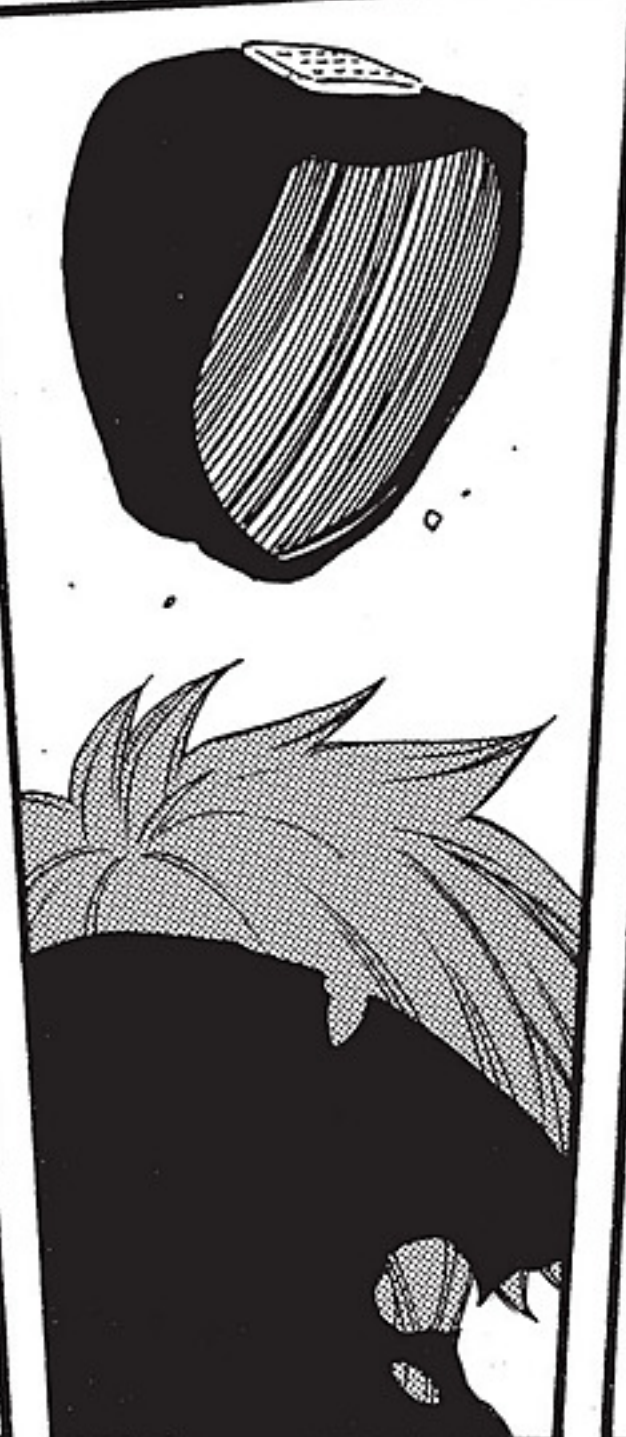
P-PUNKIN...

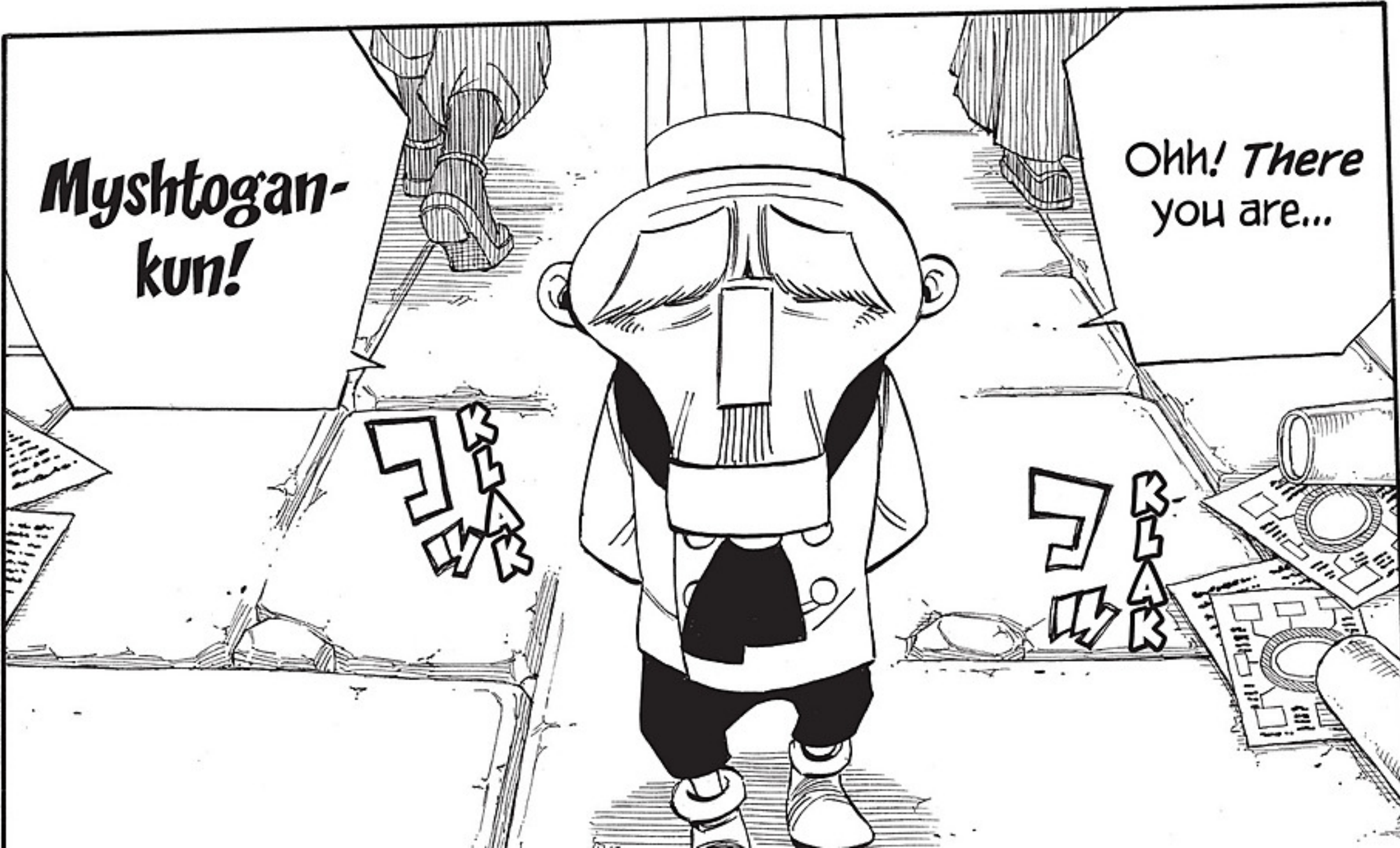
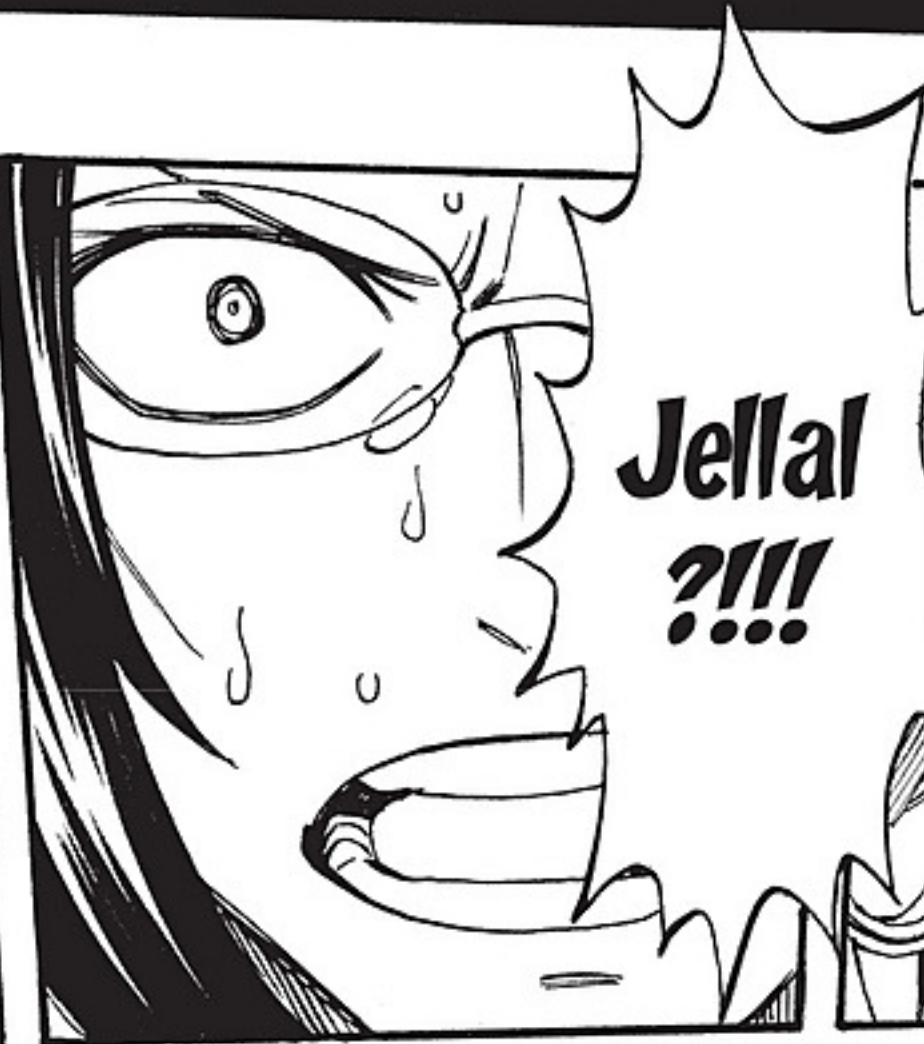
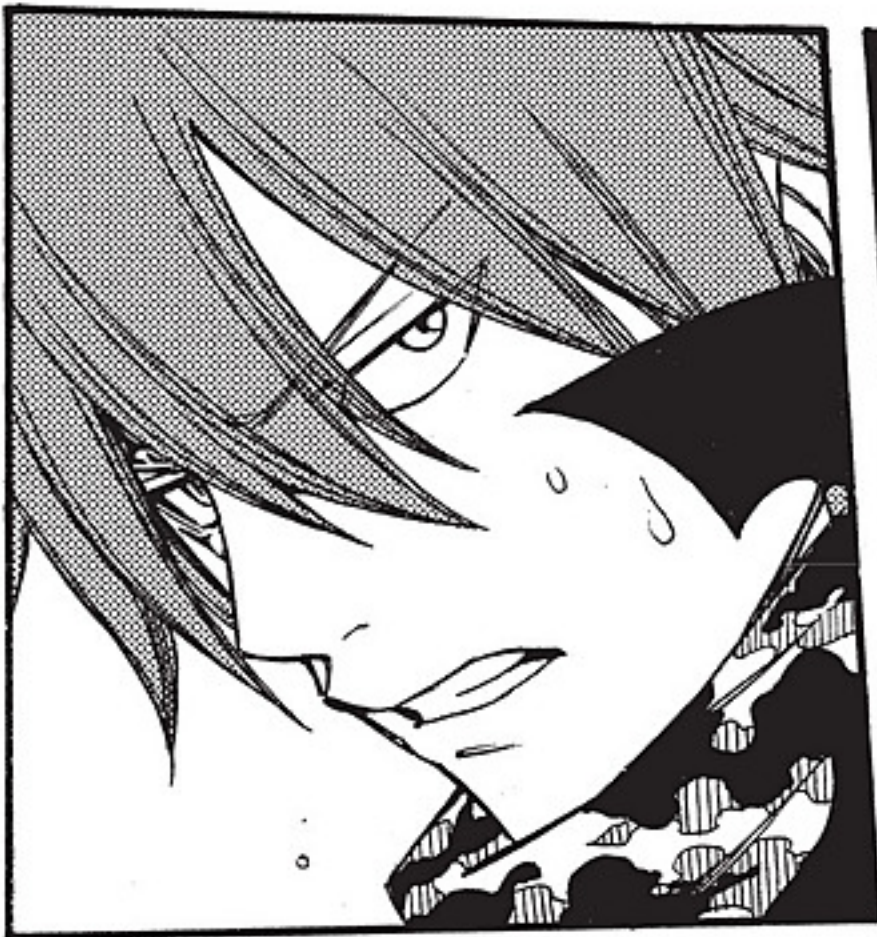


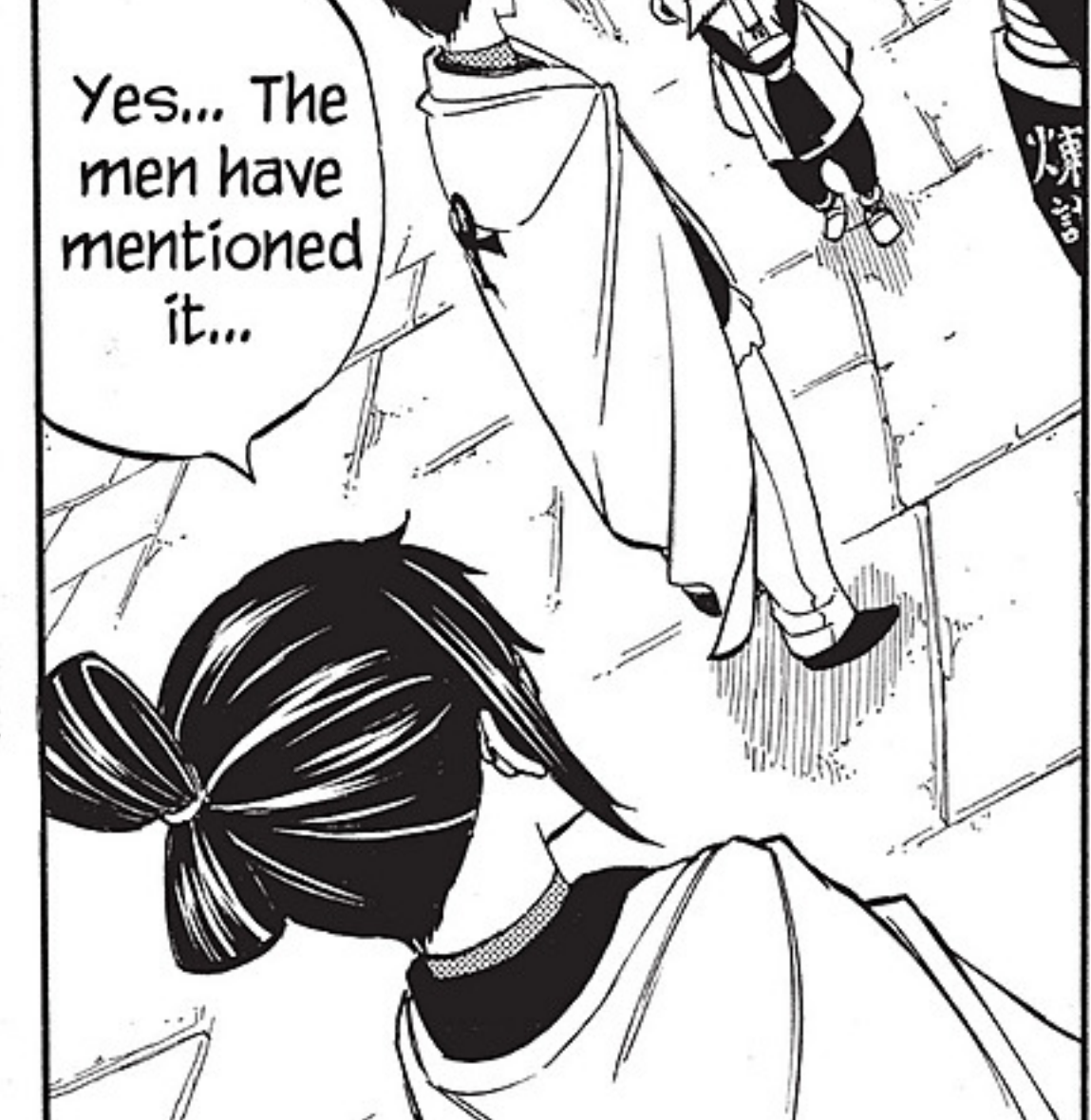
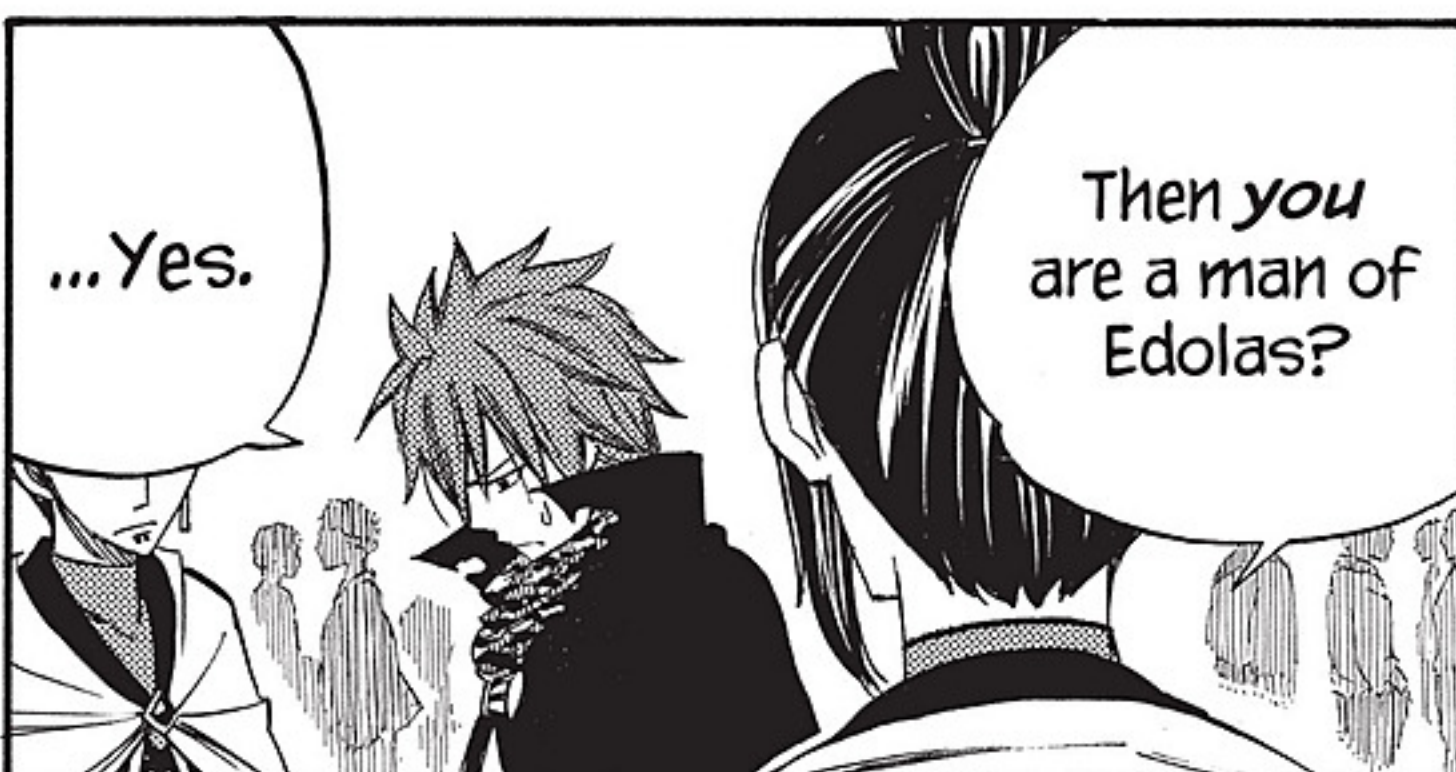
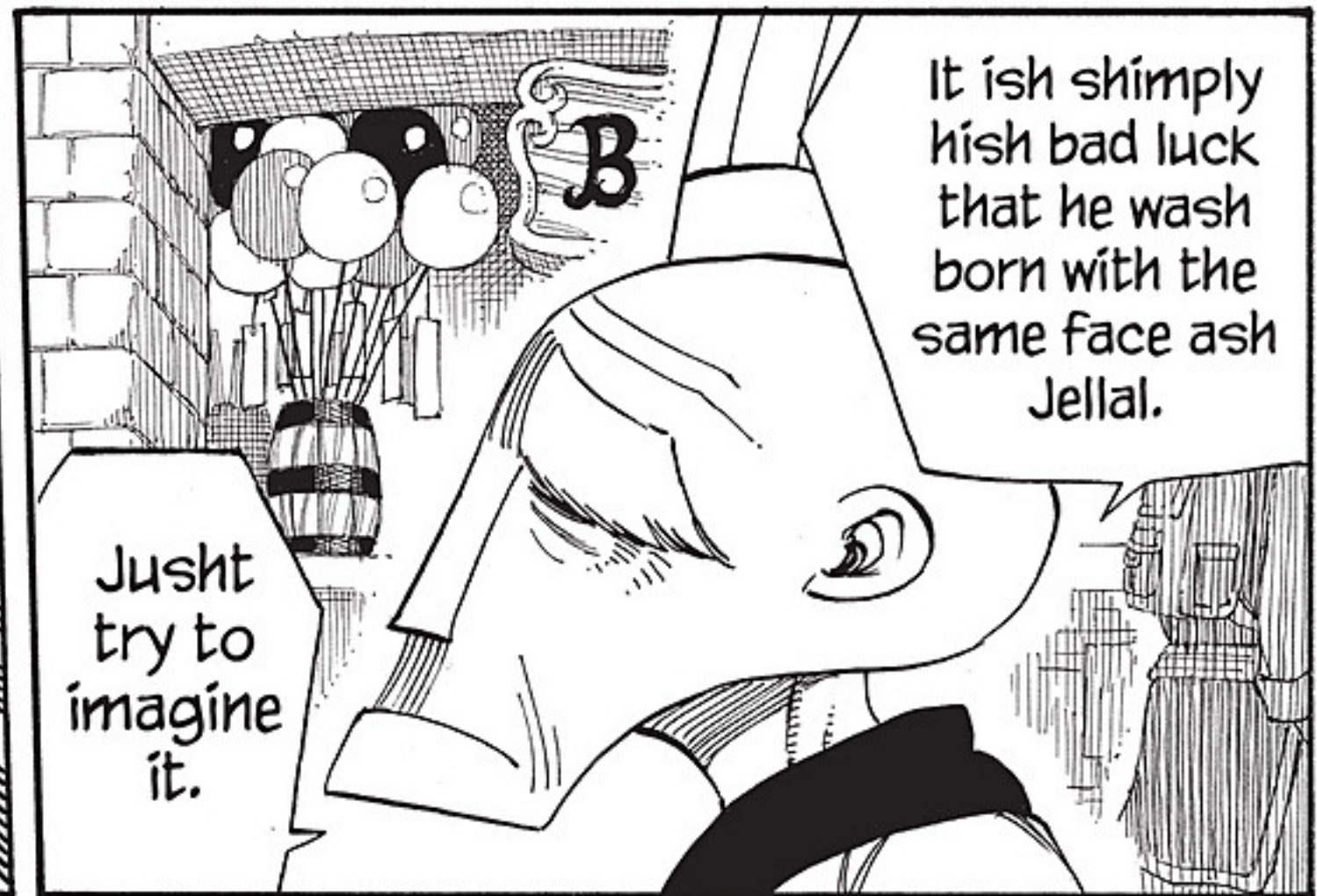
I must say, I
never expected the
results from Fairy
Tail that we got
today...

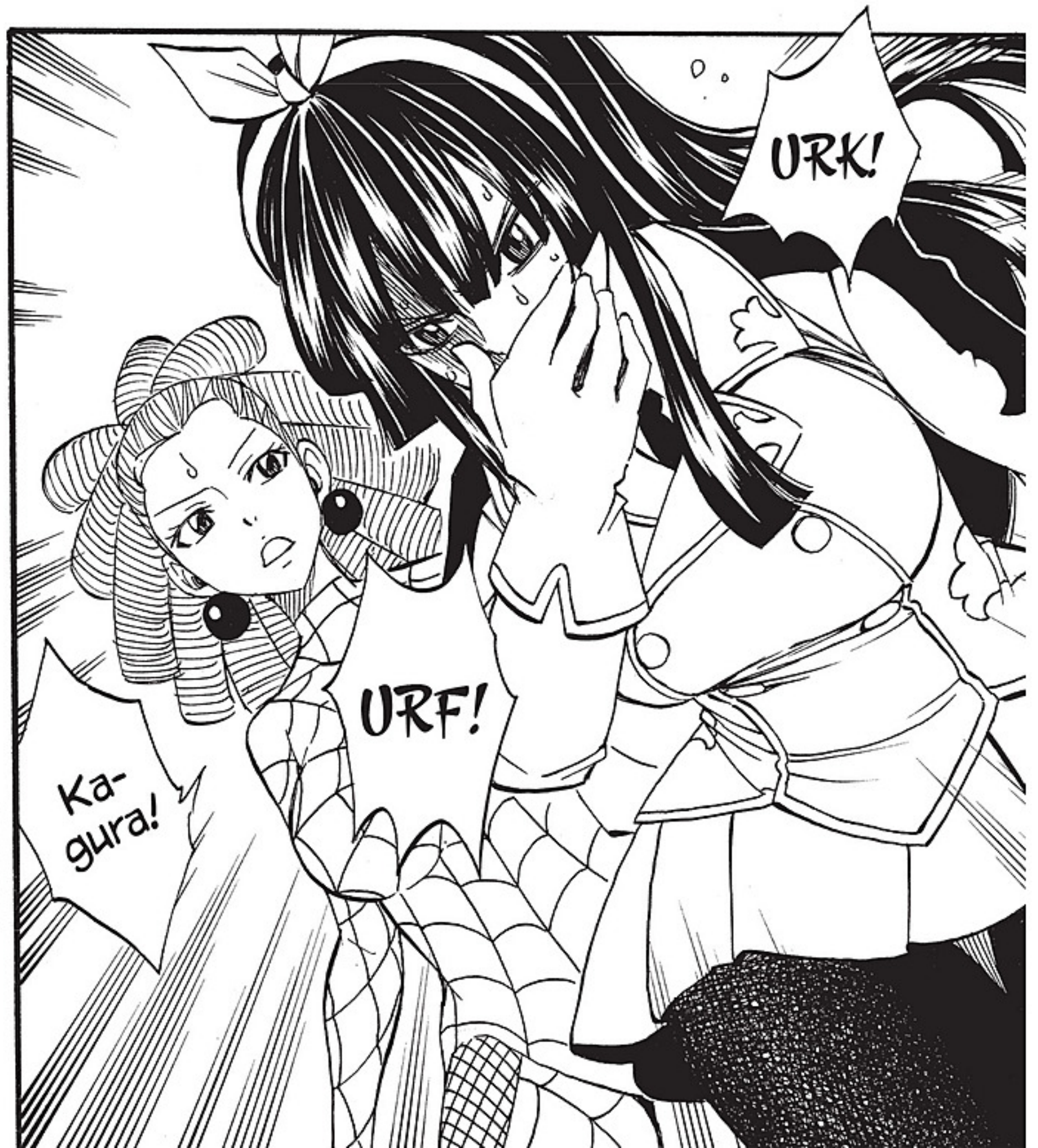
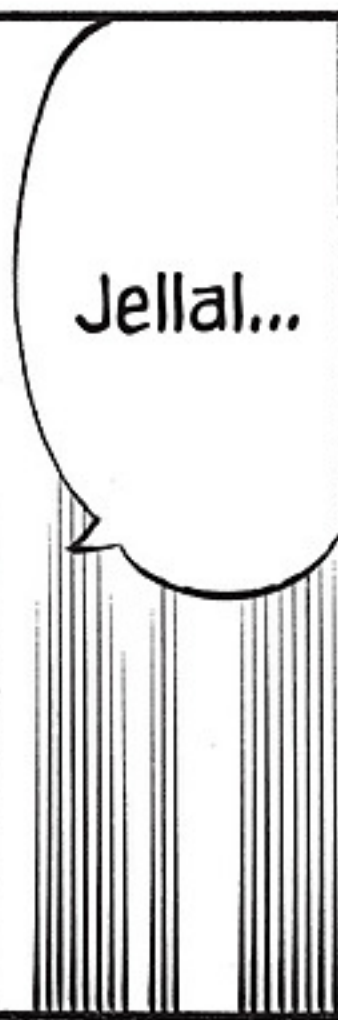
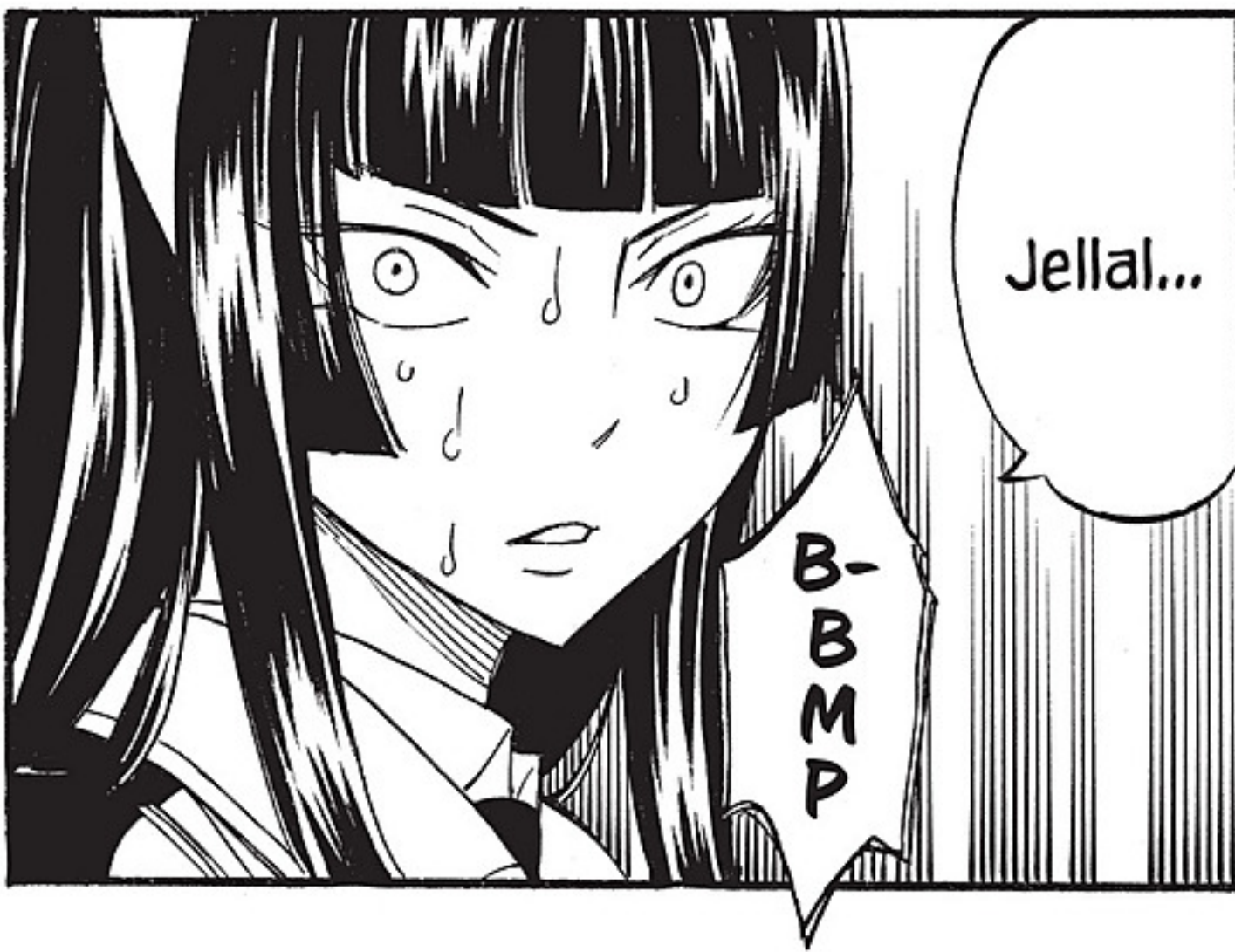
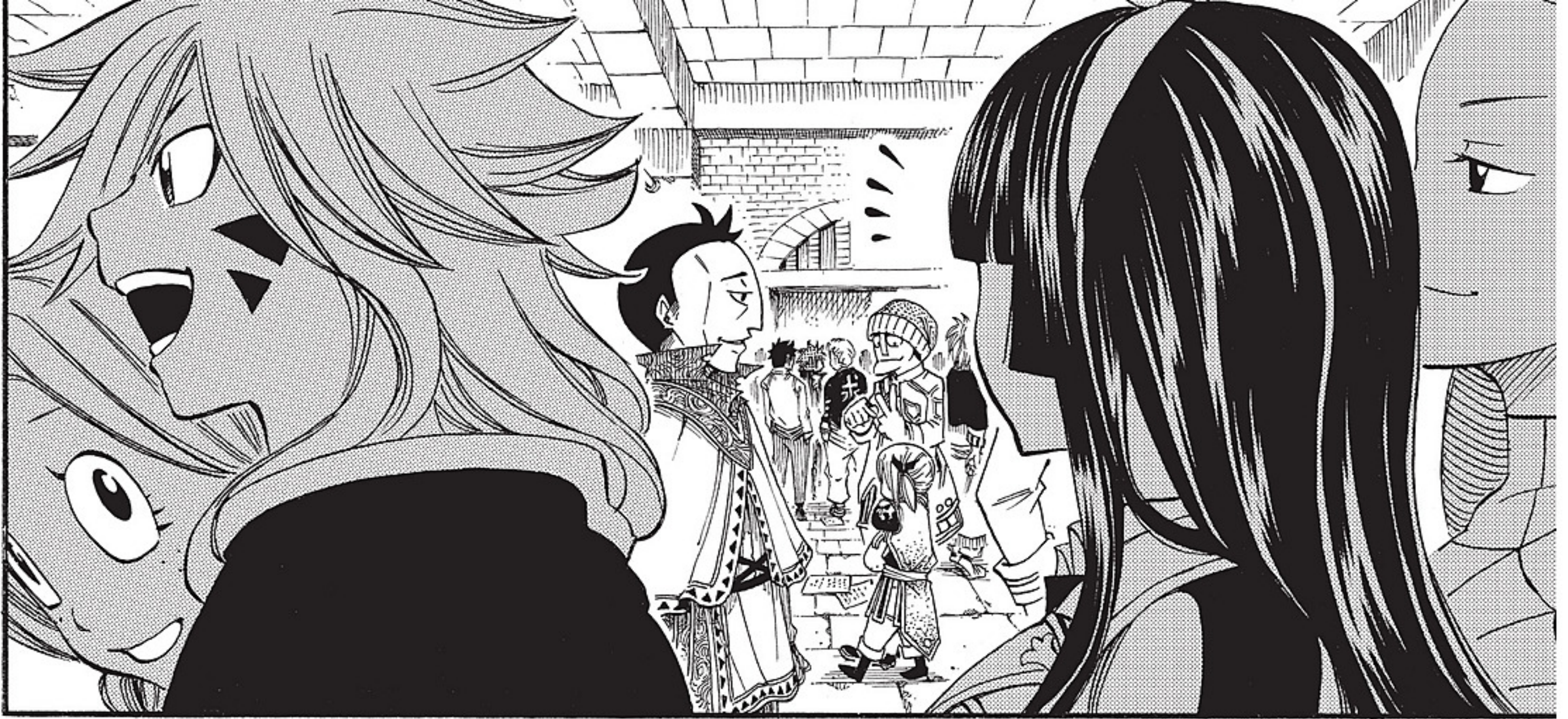
Chapter 290: The Night Our Feelings Intersect









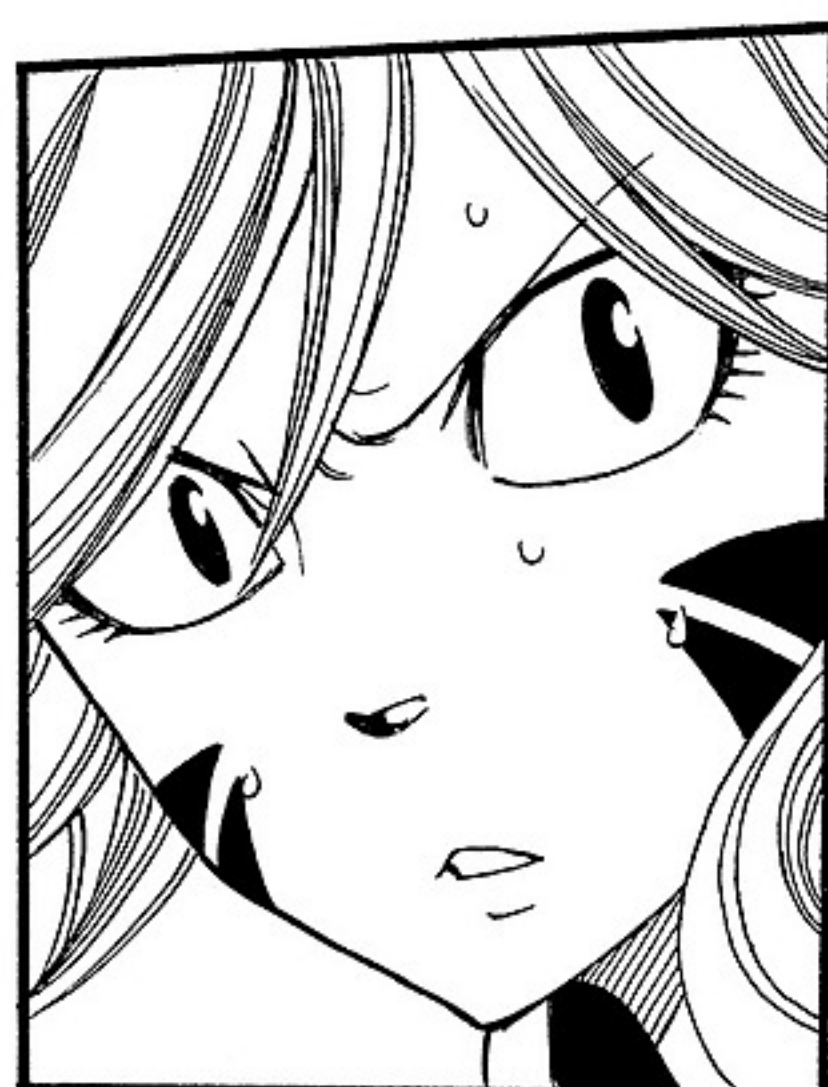






Everyone remain calm.

I am fine.



I am all right now. Forgive me.

Yes, I know.



But...!! He's right over there...!!!



Fairy Tail? Doing that for Jellal?

But why? Er-chan would...

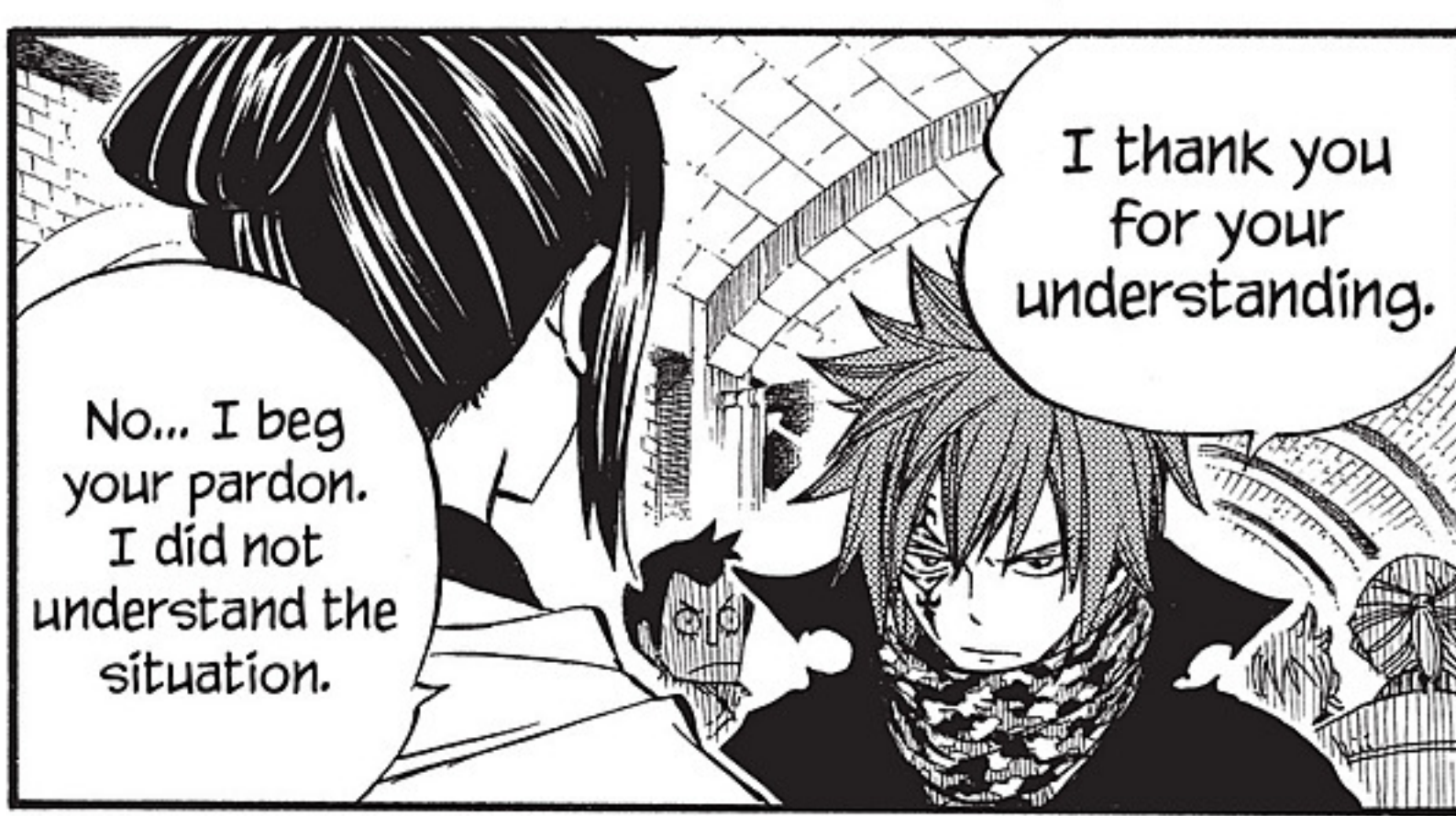


They were giving him safe harbor?



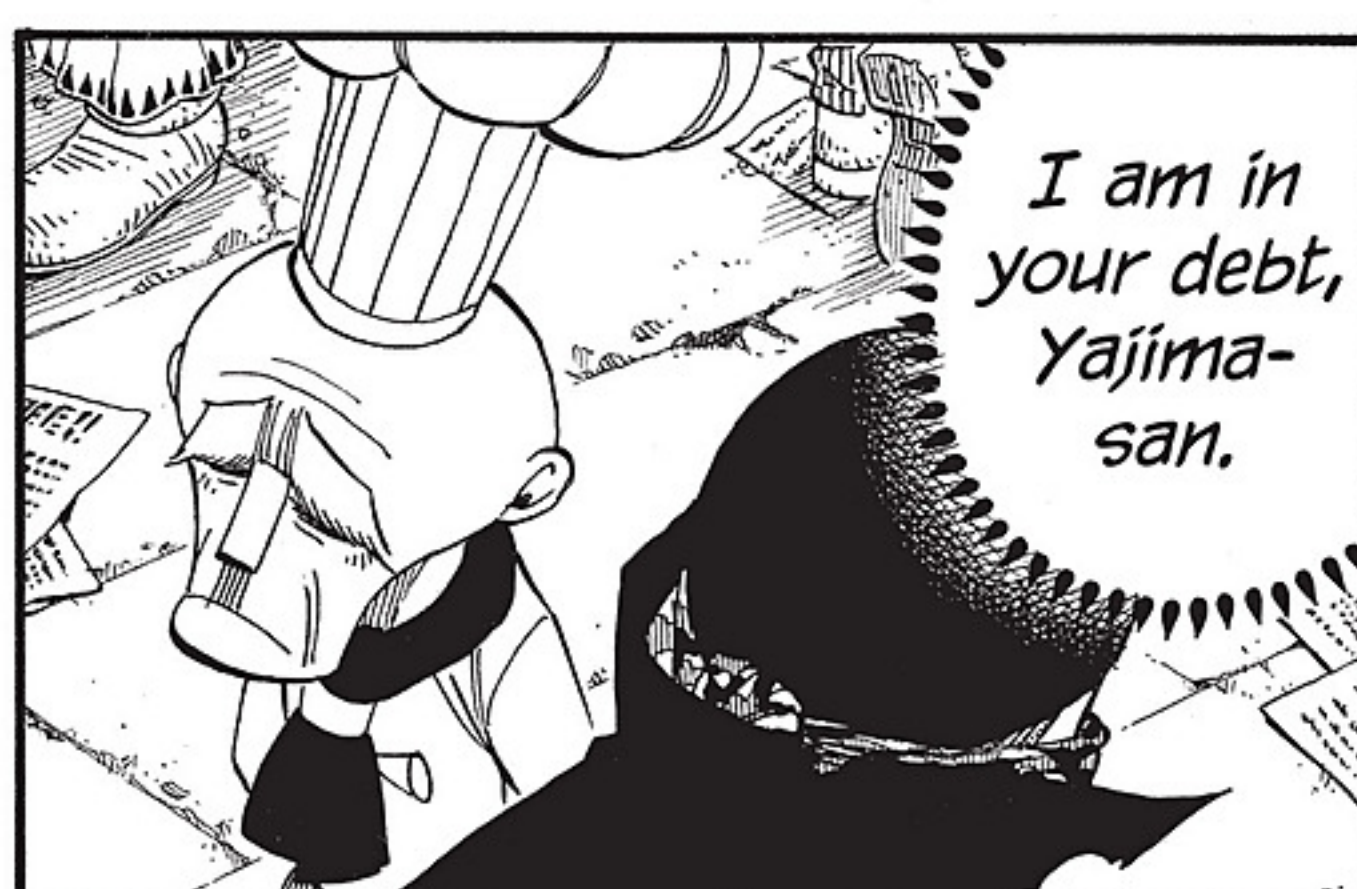
If I find him, I will report his whereabouts to you.

For me, Jellal has been nothing but an evil.

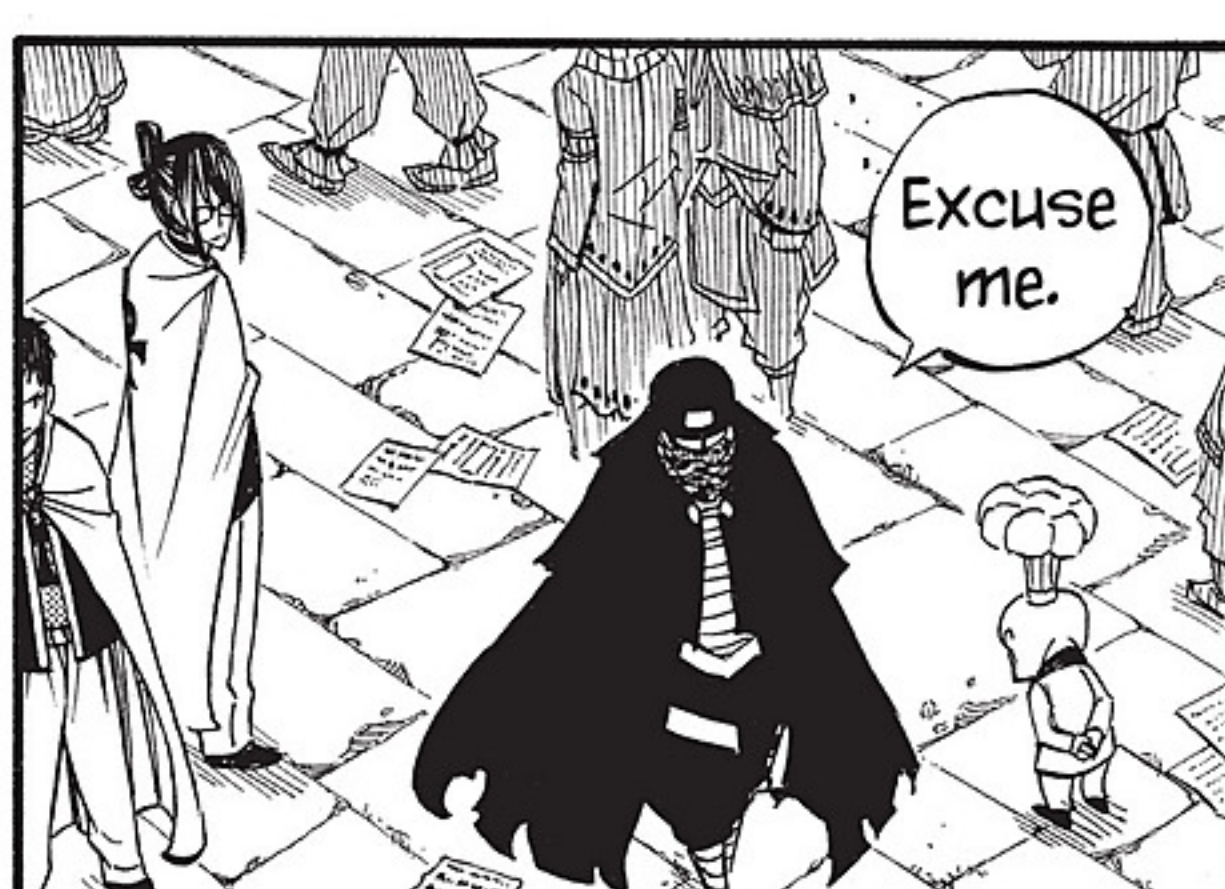


No... I beg your pardon. I did not understand the situation.

I thank you for your understanding.



I am in your debt, Yajima-san.



Excuse me.



You only get this one chance. Now get out before you cause Macky any more problems!



But he will *not* escape!

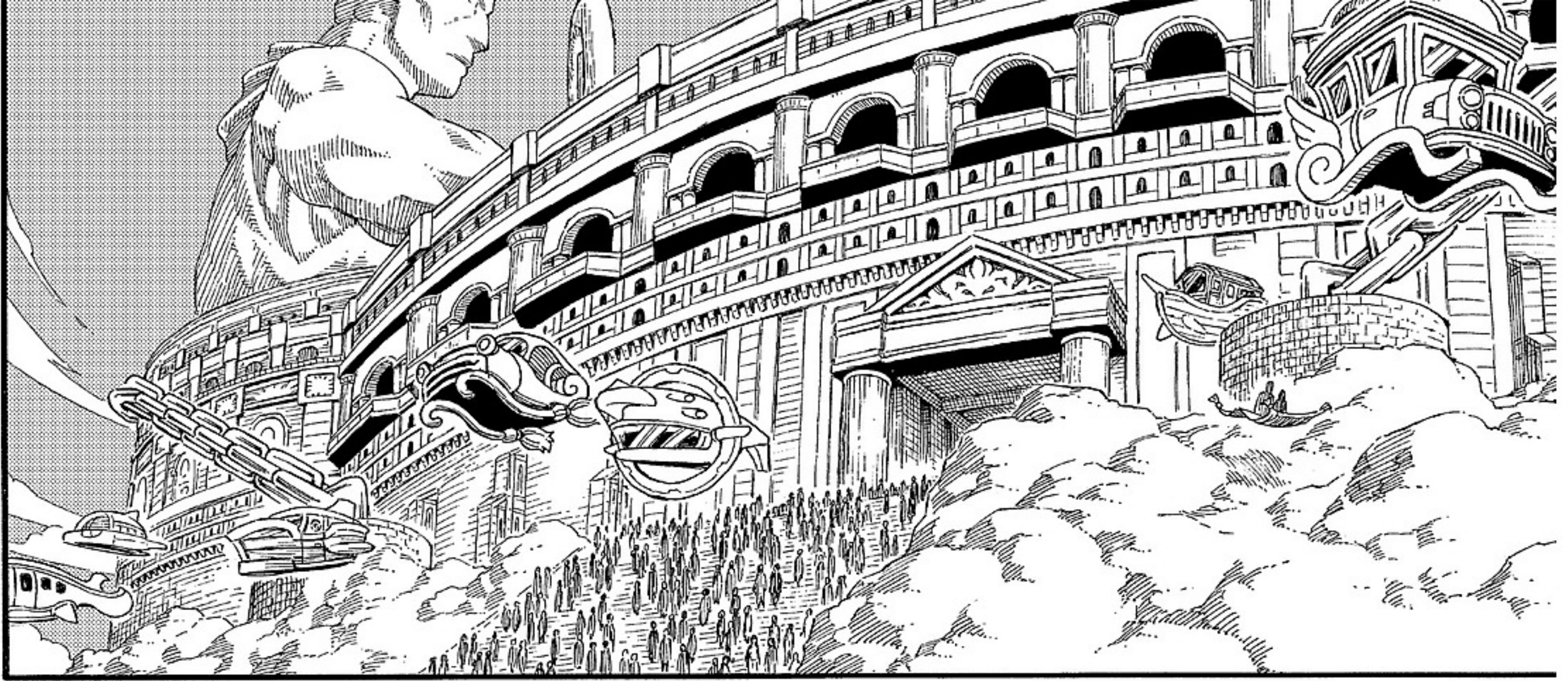
I let him walk away to protect Yajima-san's reputation...

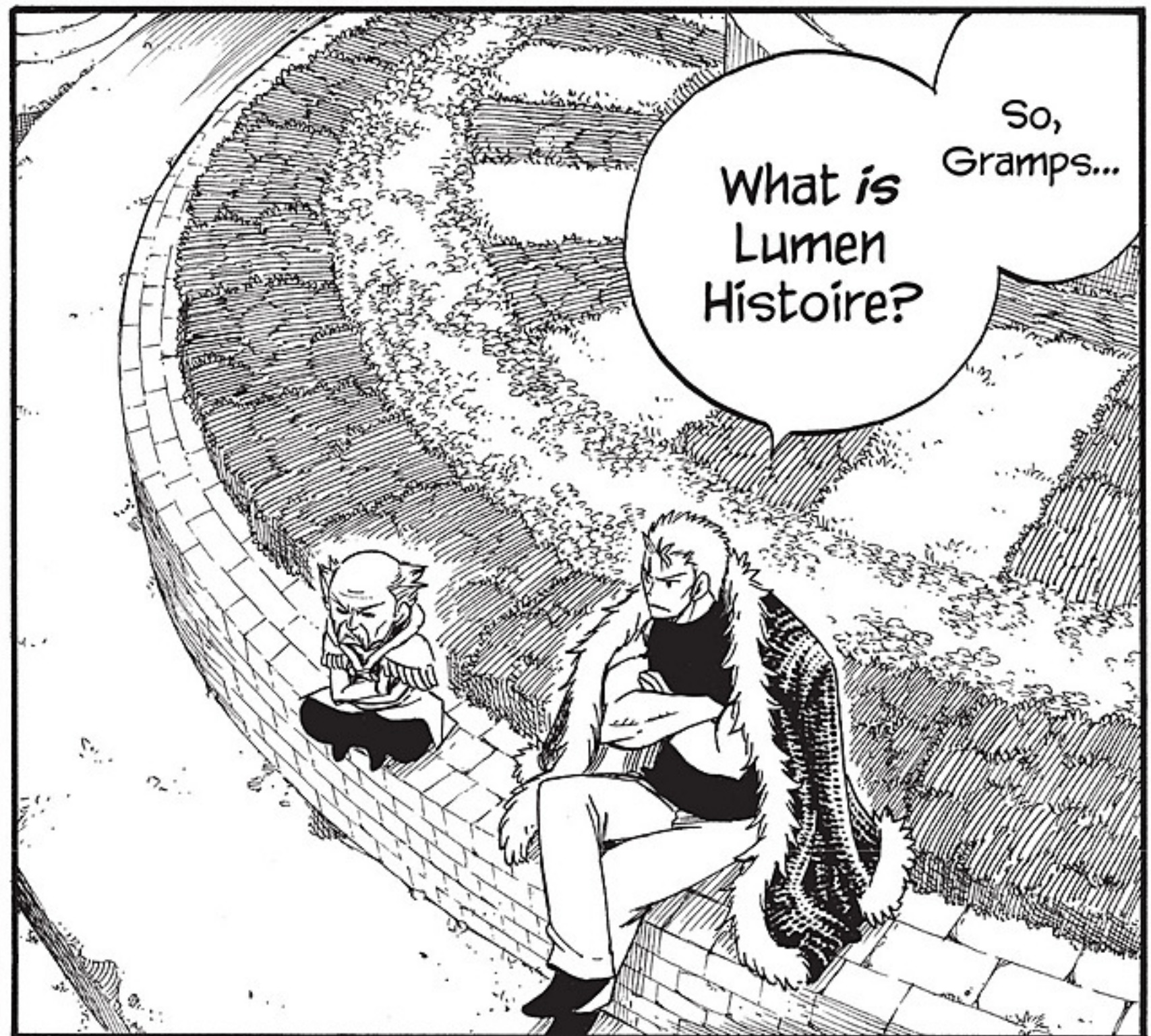
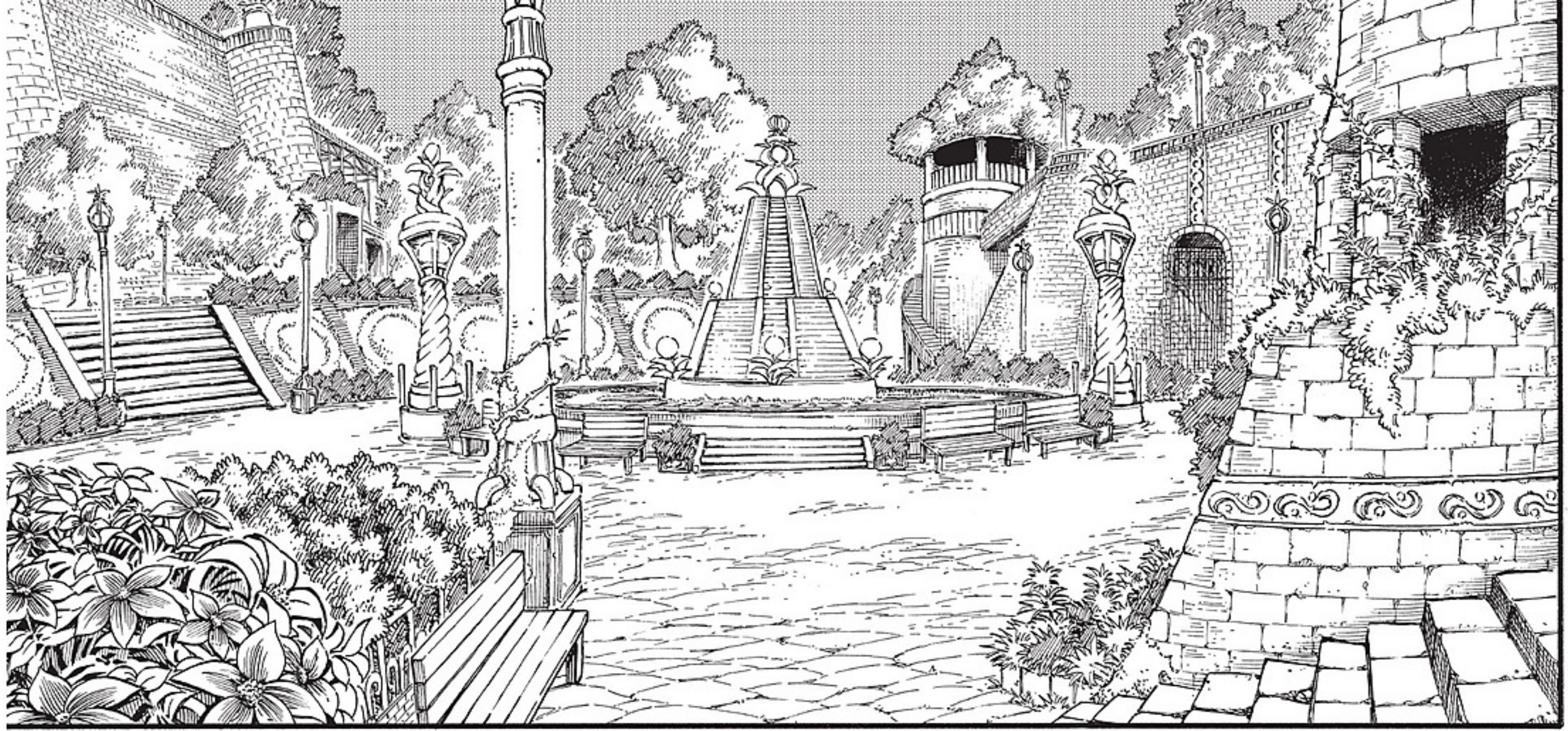


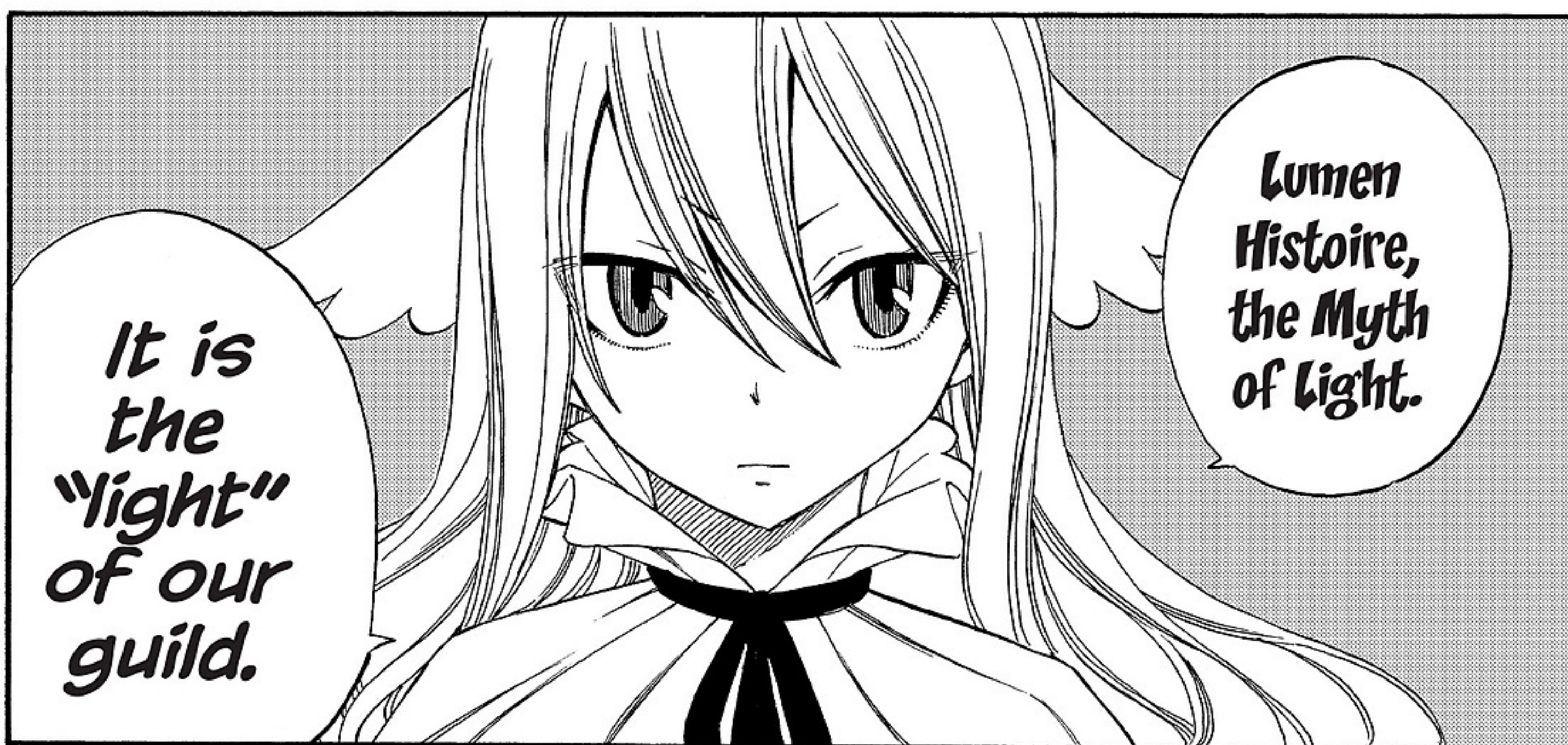
! That was the real one!



I will. When the games are over, I will be gone.









Hm.

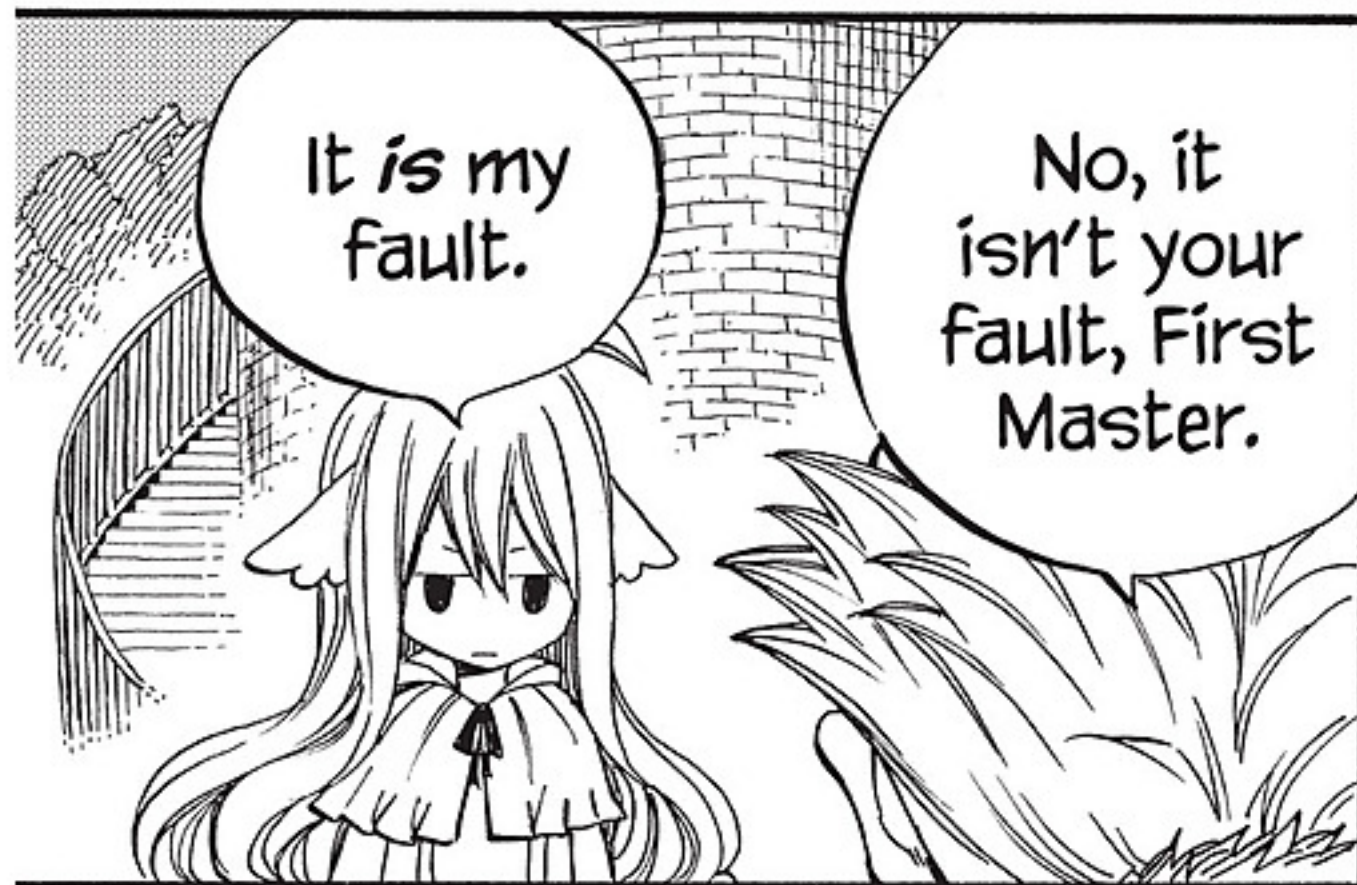
I wouldn't rule *that* out.

I assume from the second master, Precht.



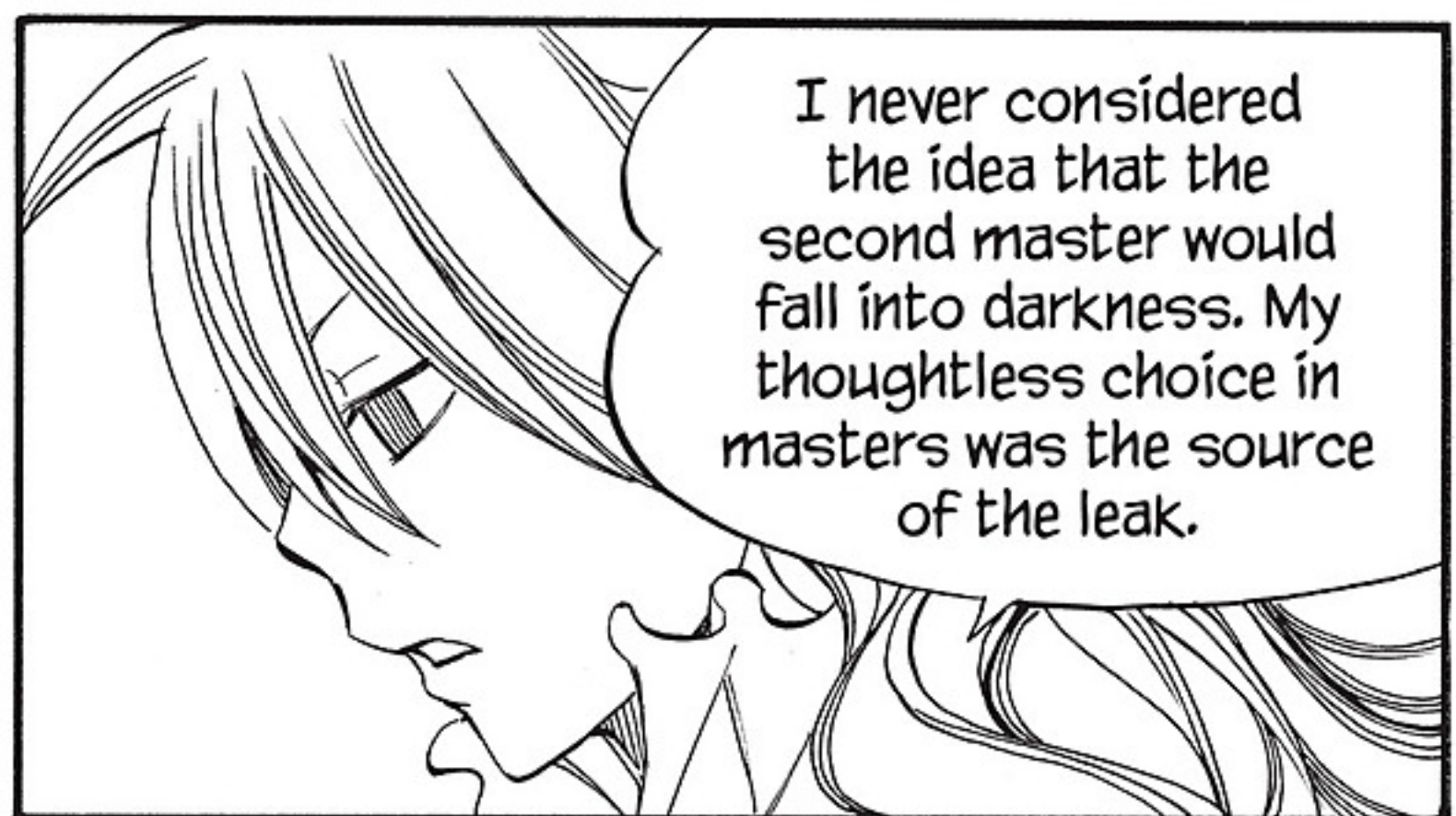
But where did Ivan get his hands on that knowledge...?

Thank you for that.



It *is* my fault.

No, it isn't your fault, First Master.



I never considered the idea that the second master would fall into darkness. My thoughtless choice in masters was the source of the leak.



The First Master is... Lexus, comfort her!! Now!!

I'm not crying! I'm...not crying... at all...

SNIFF

I can't do that !!!



!!

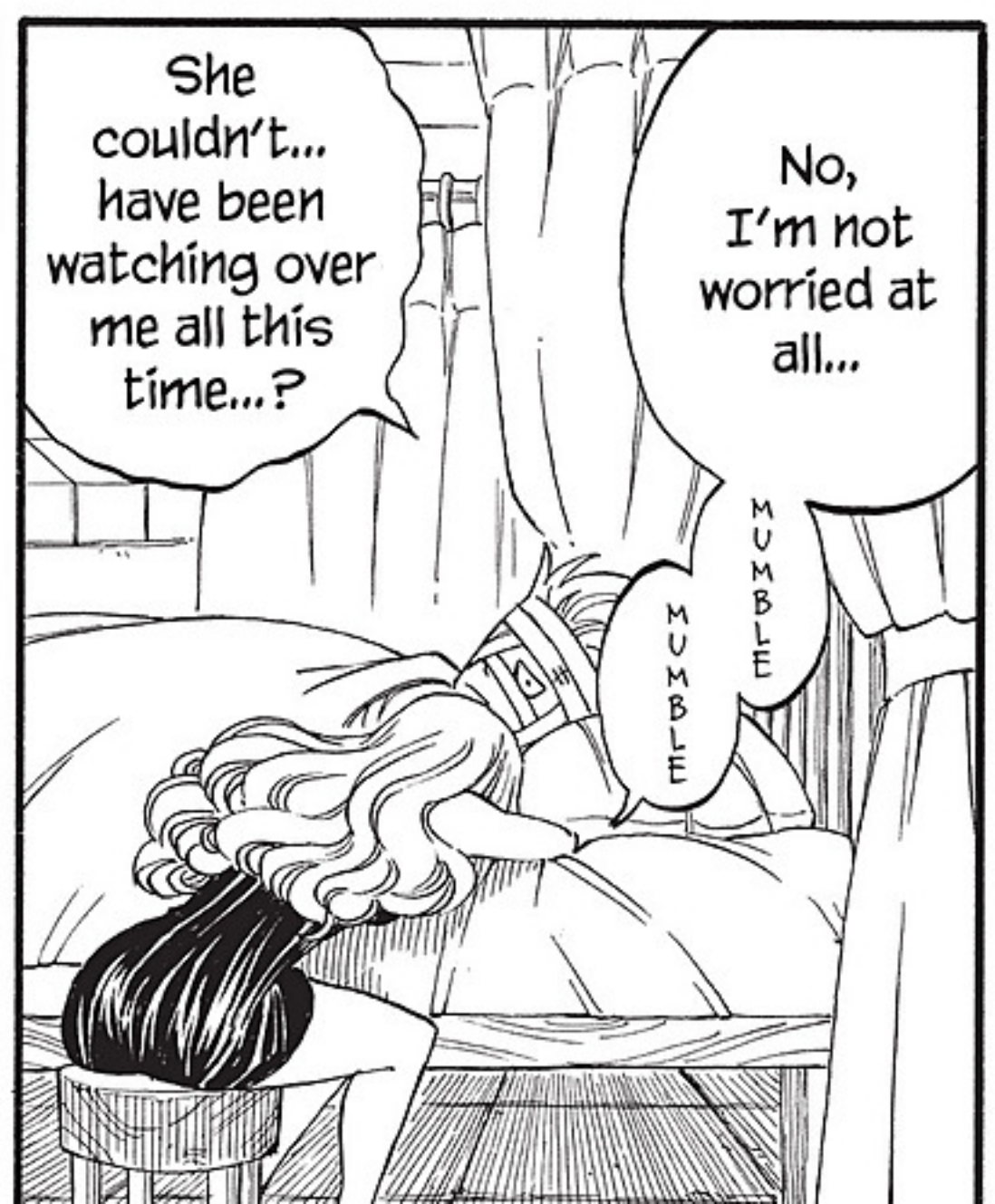
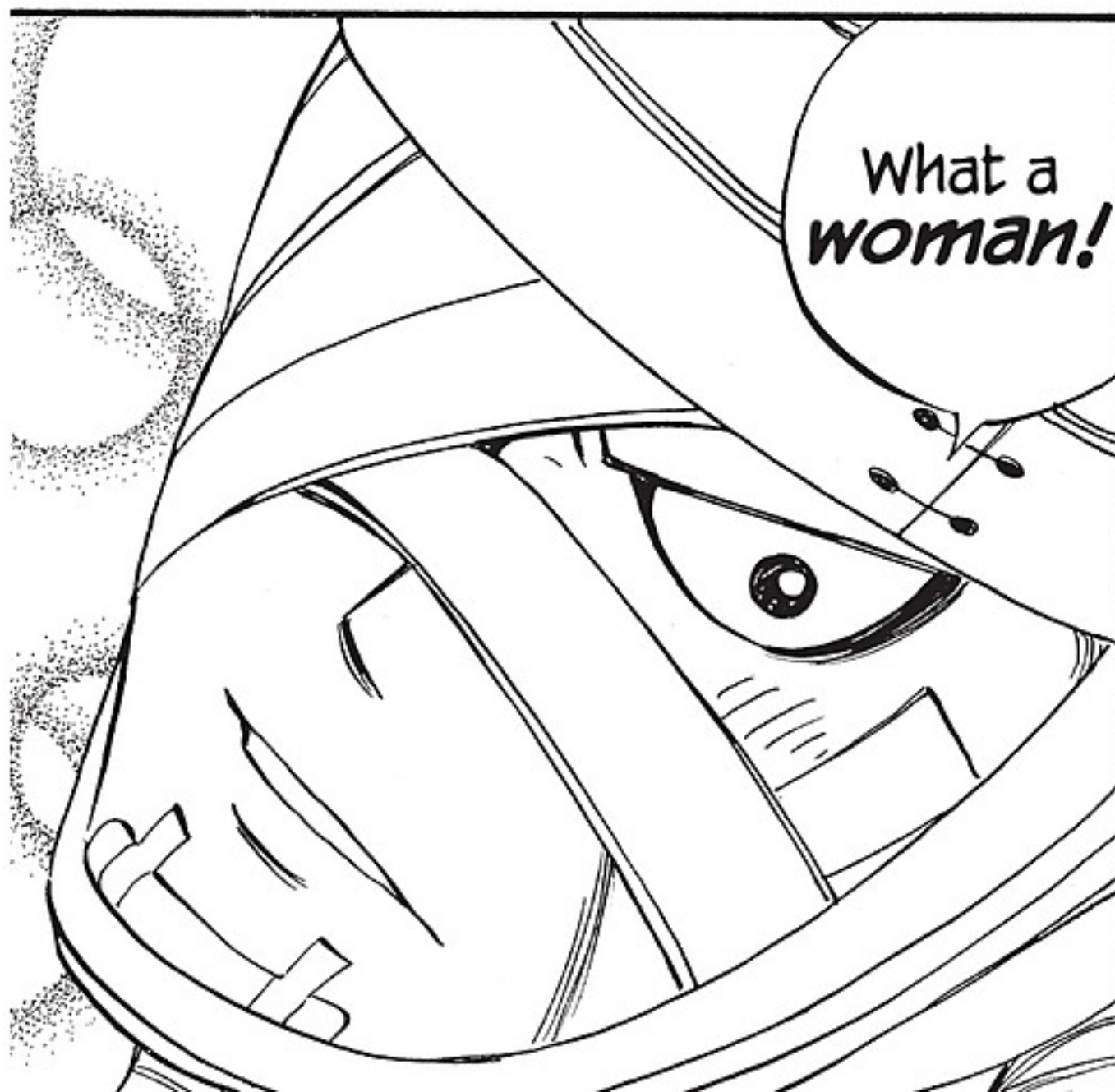
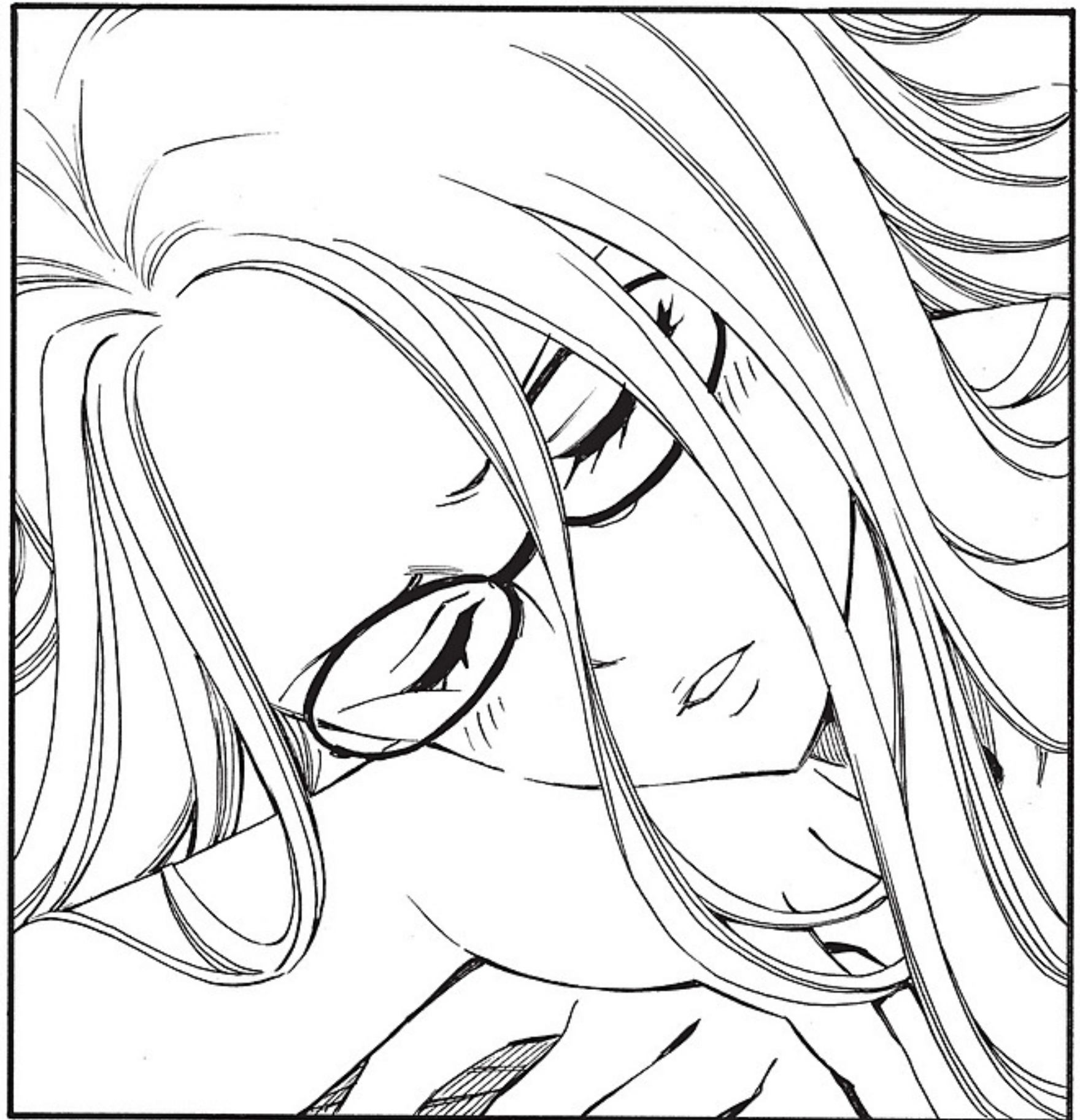


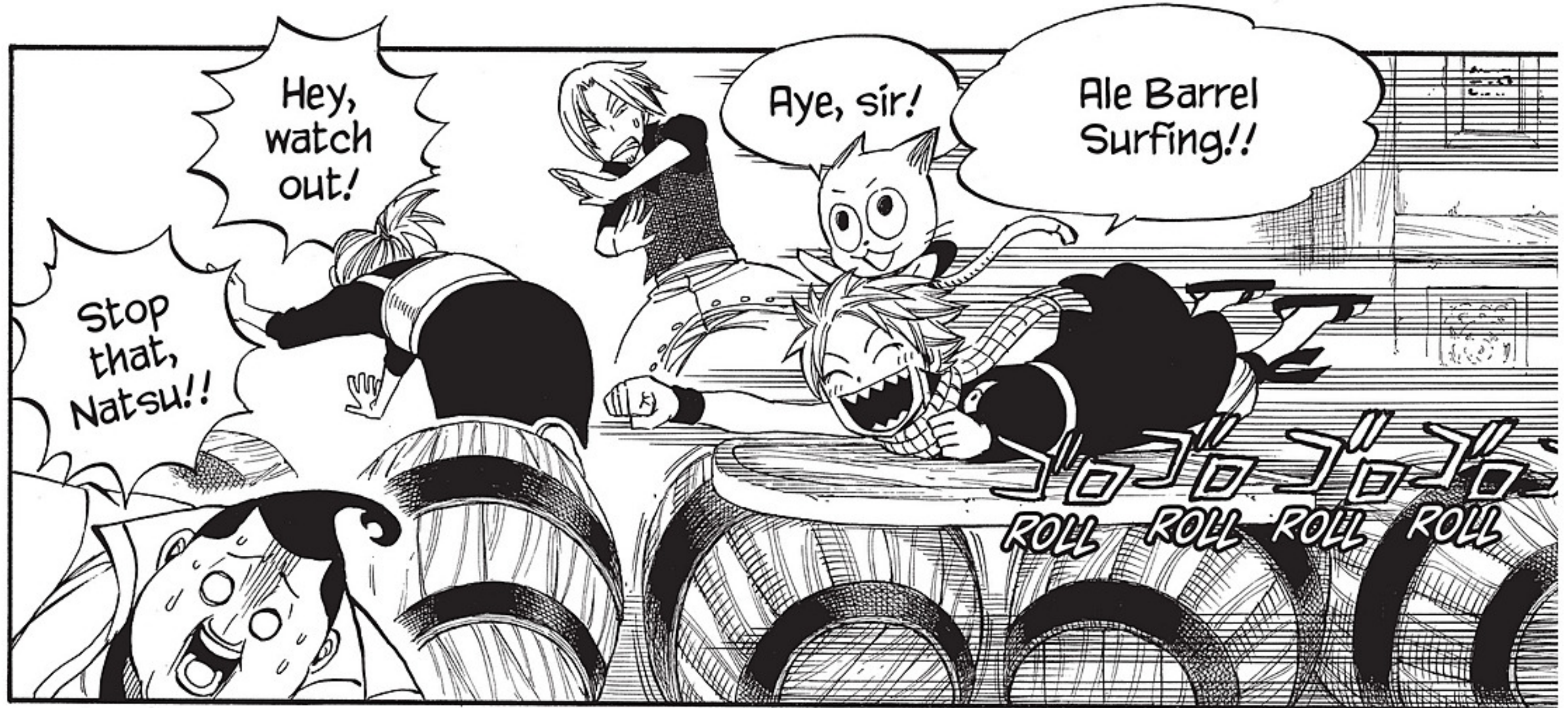
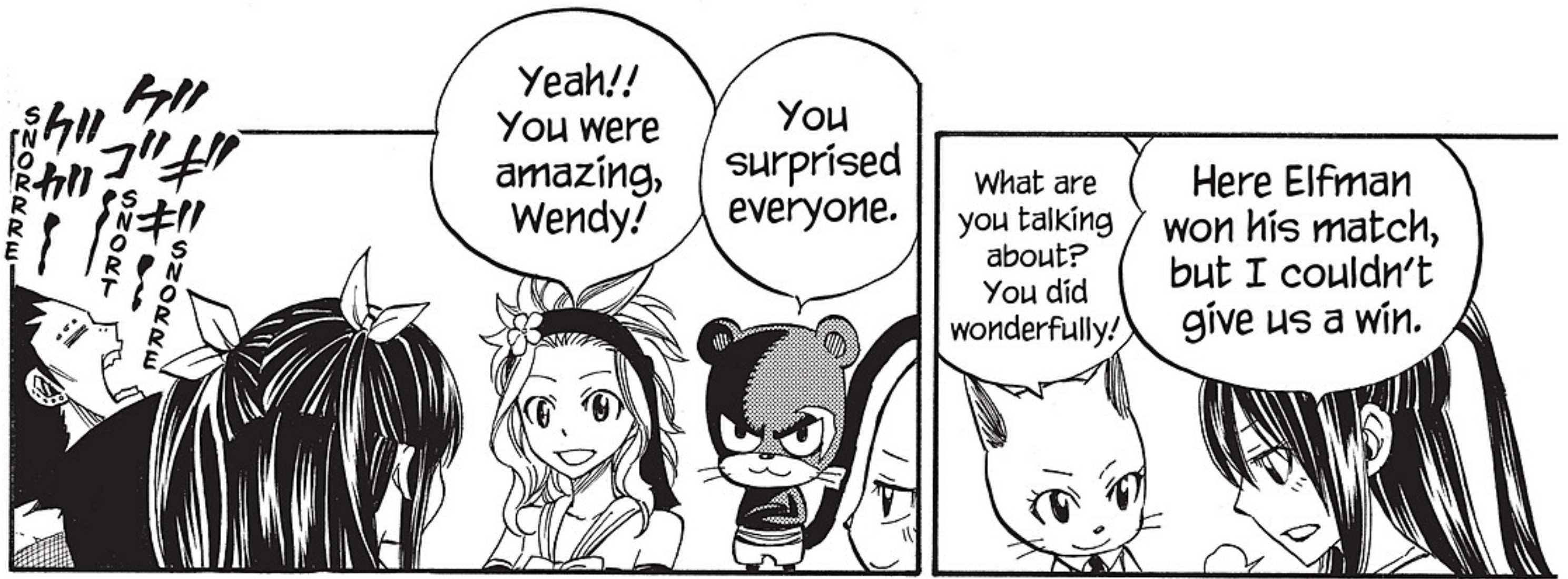
I was the one...

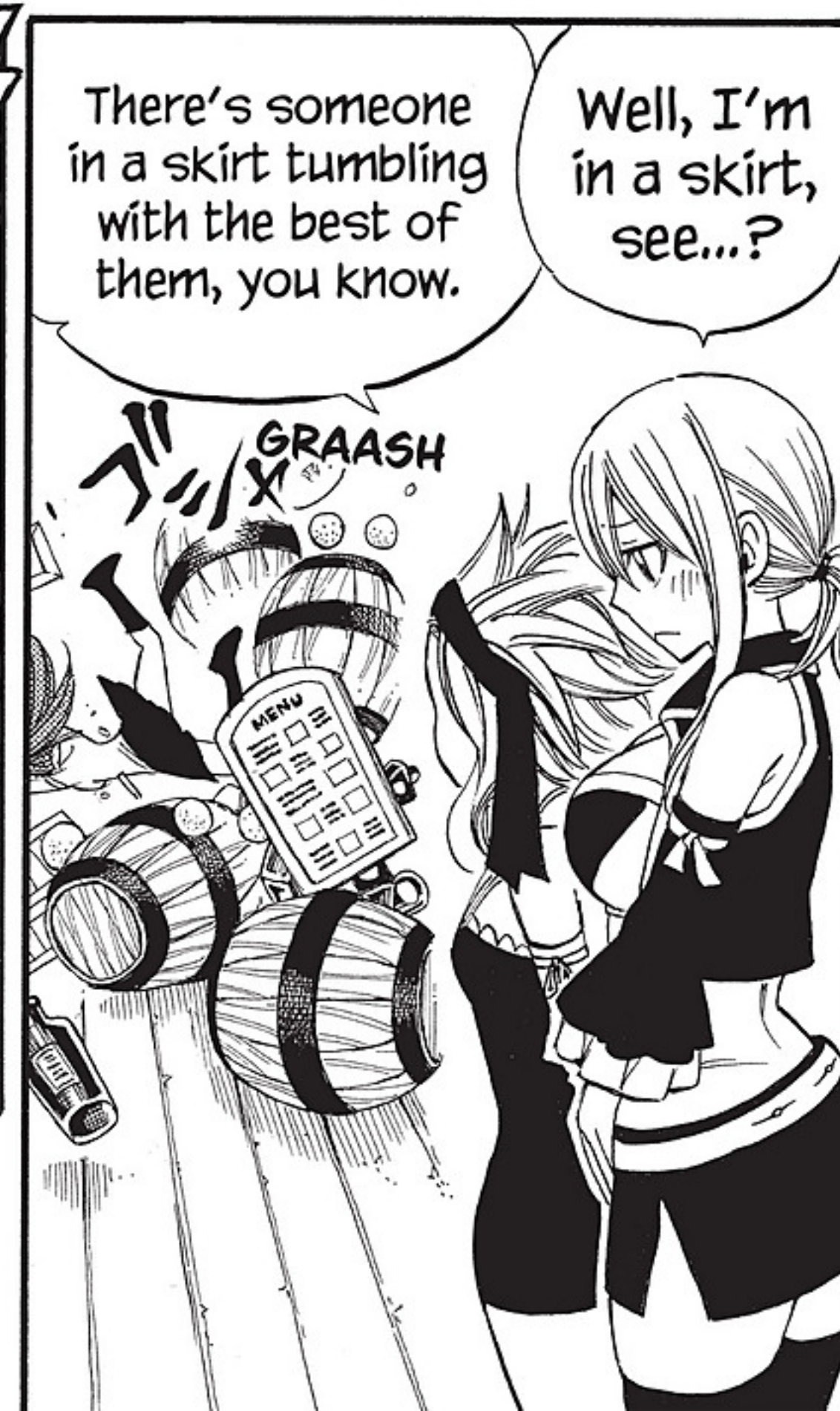
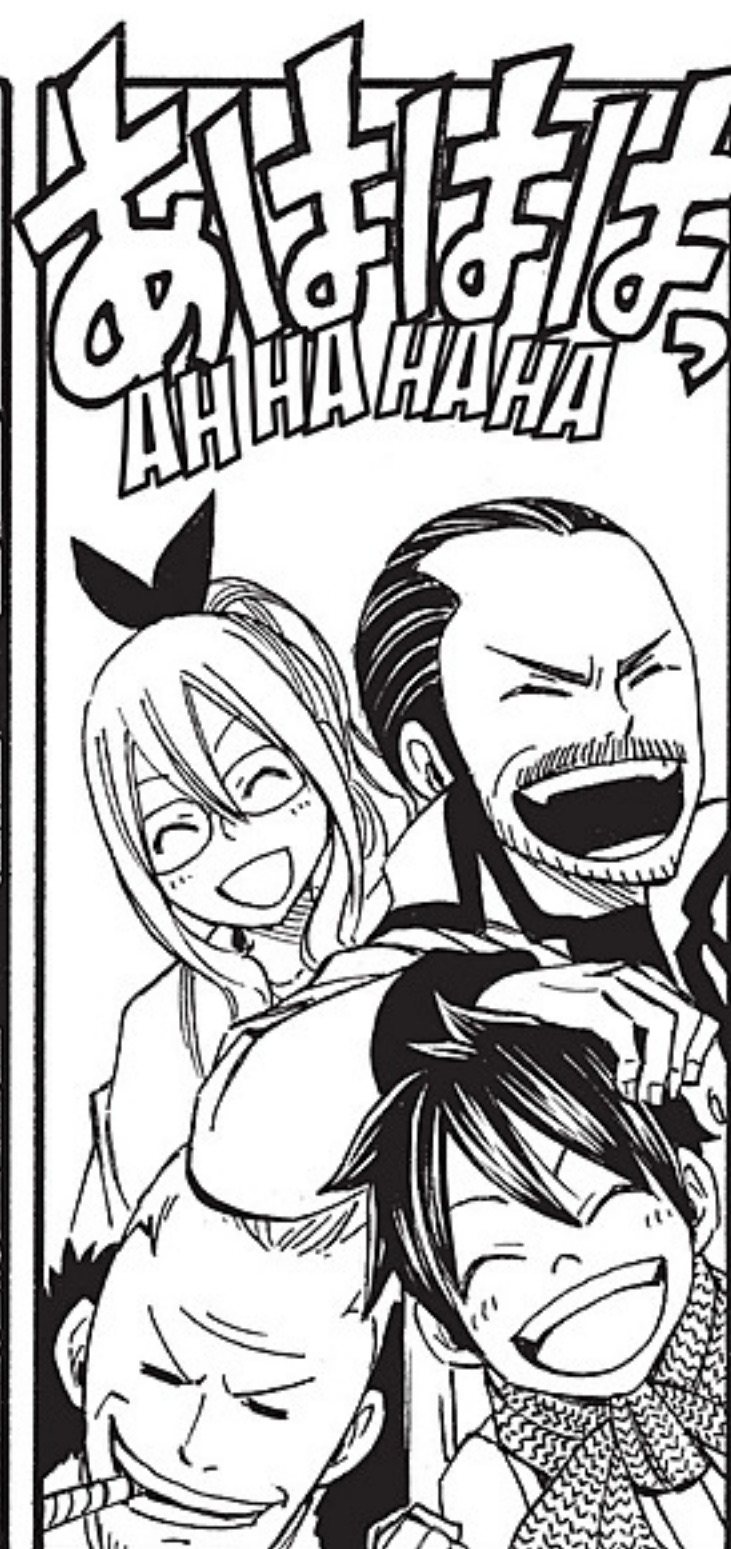


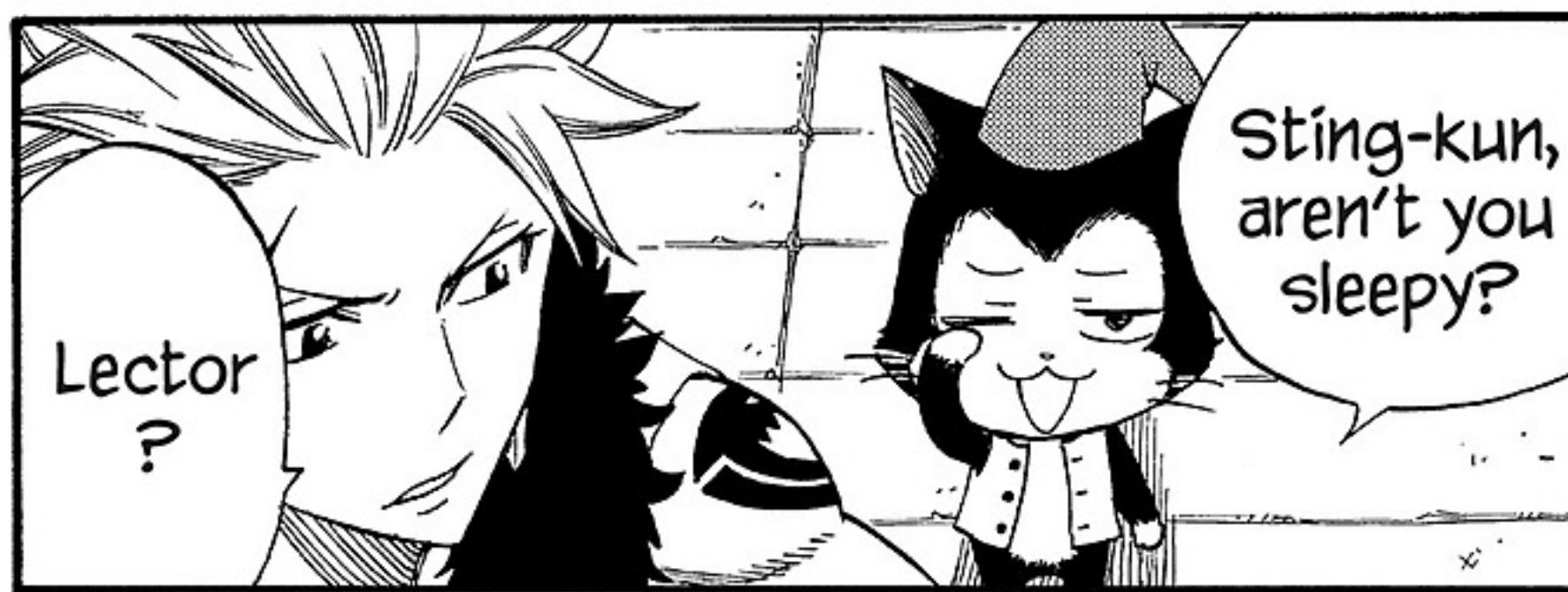
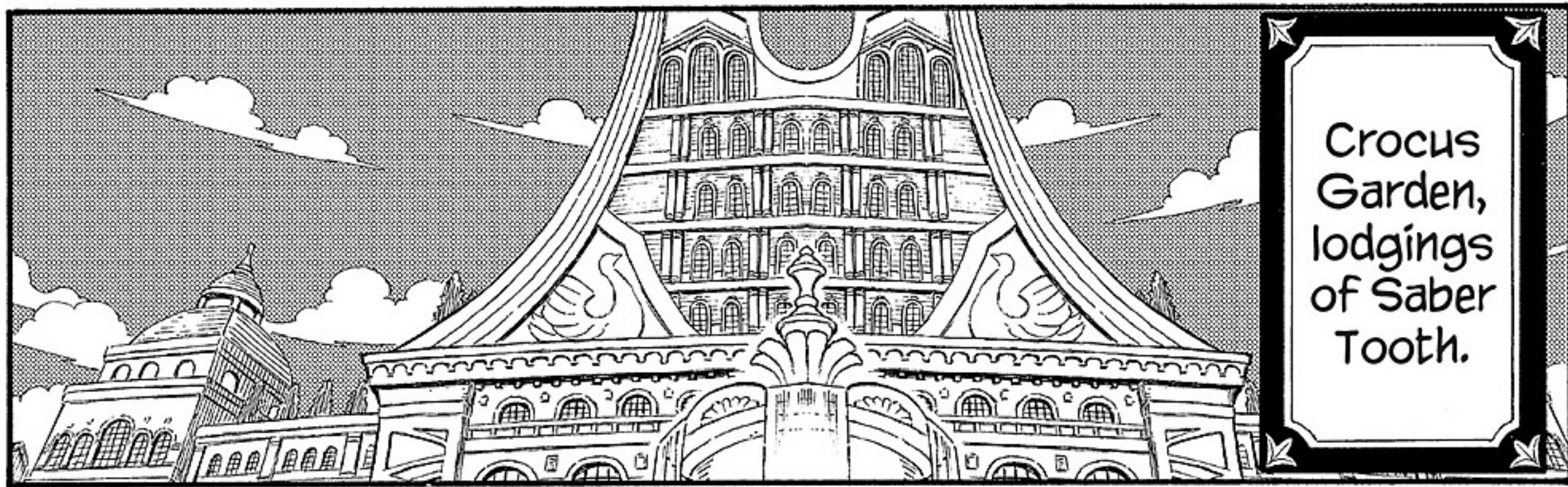
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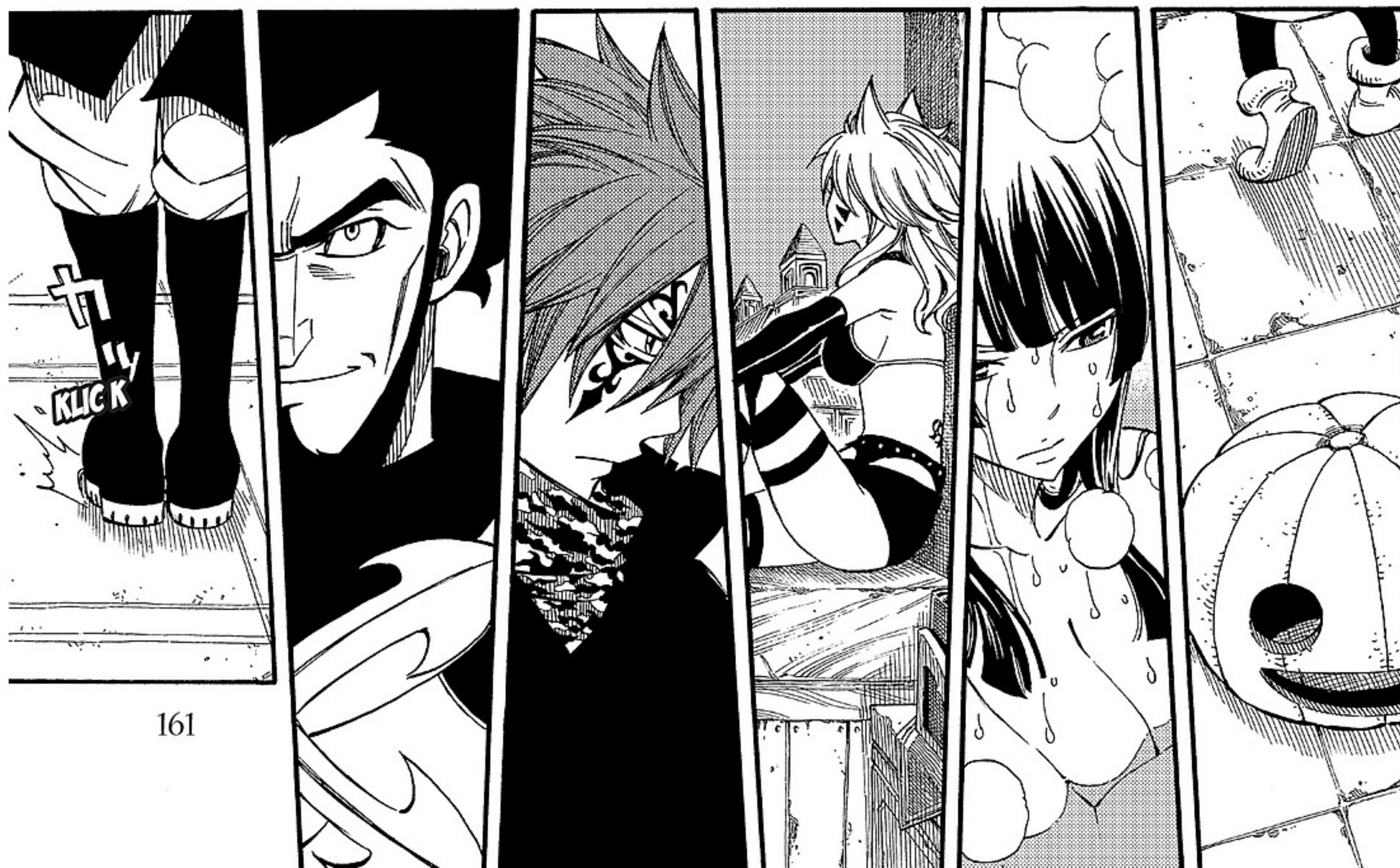
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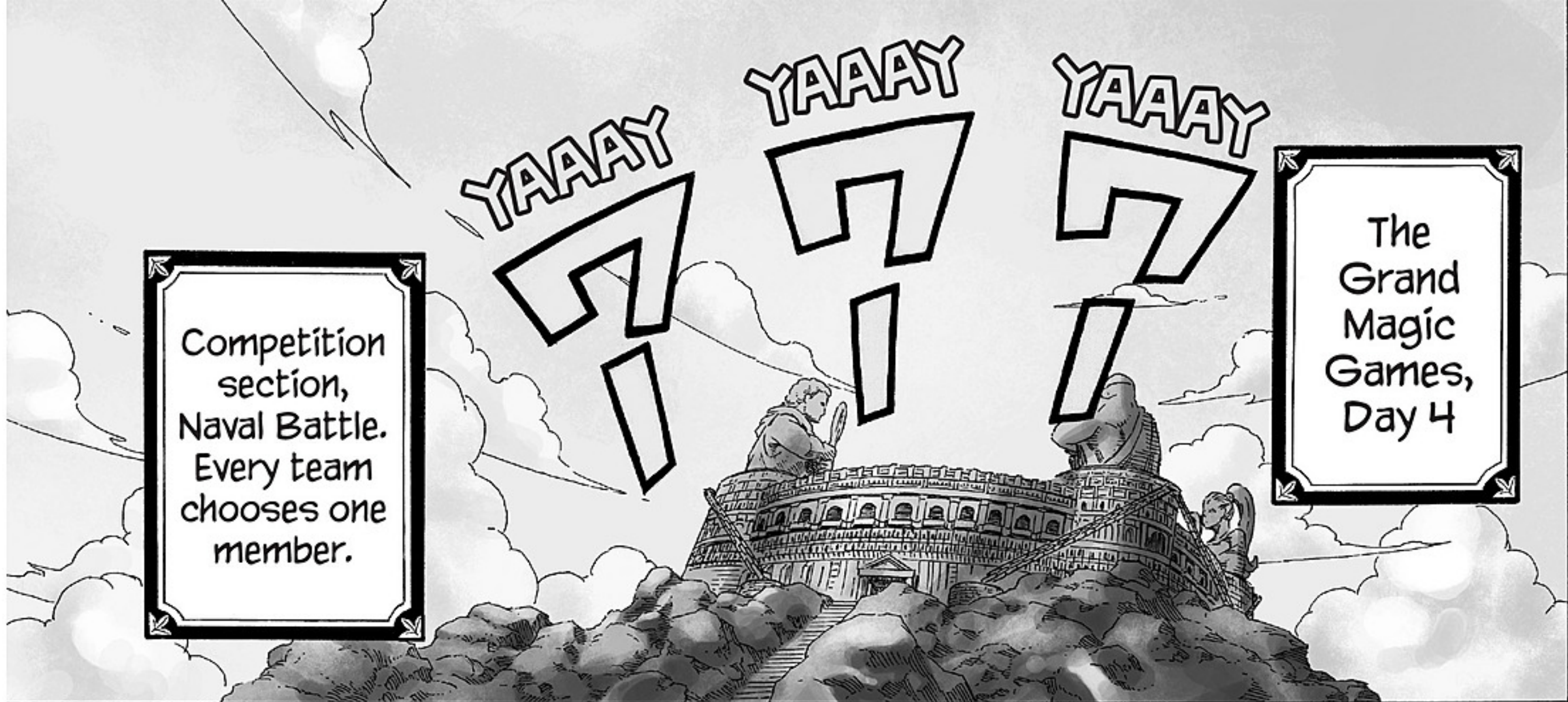






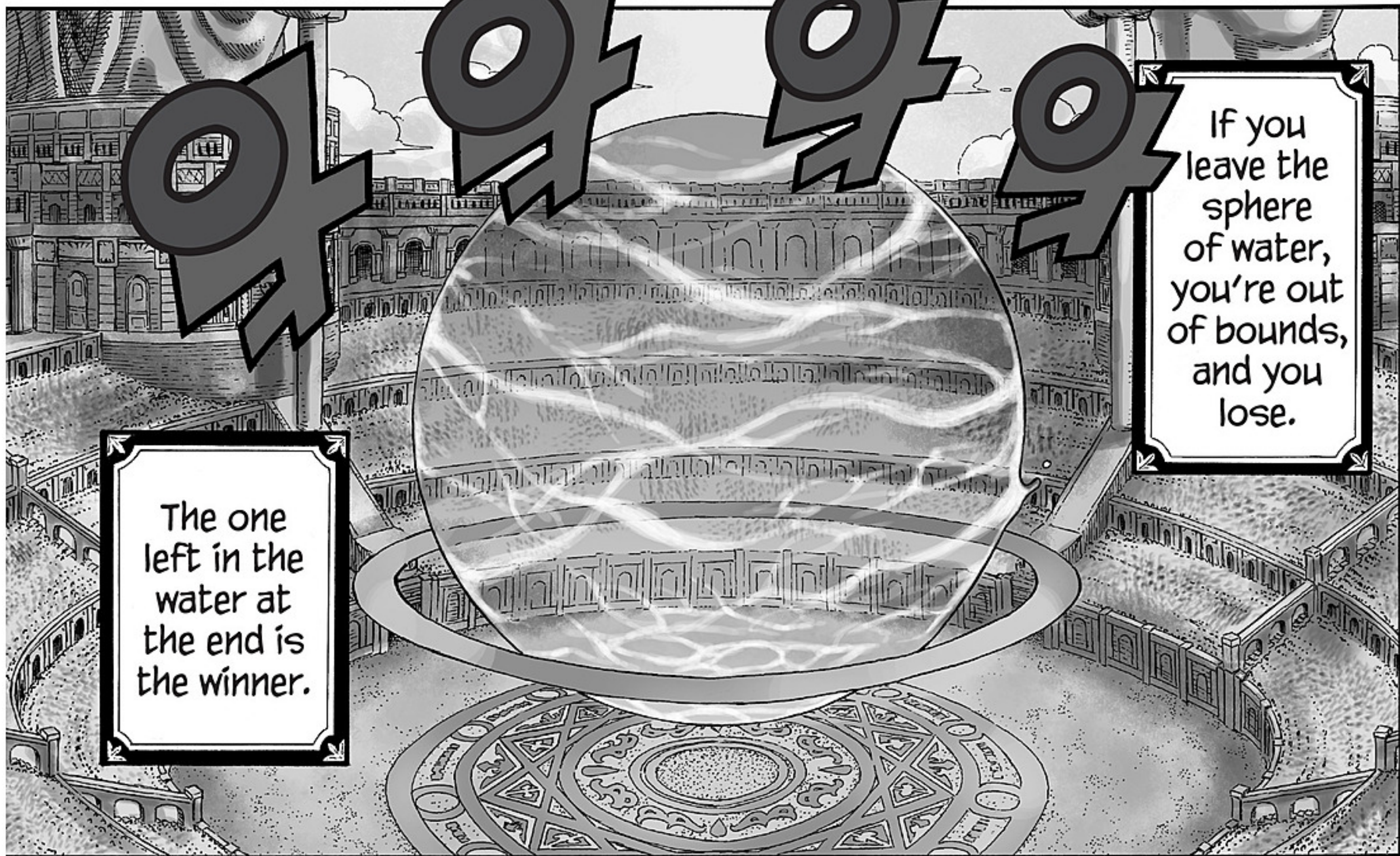






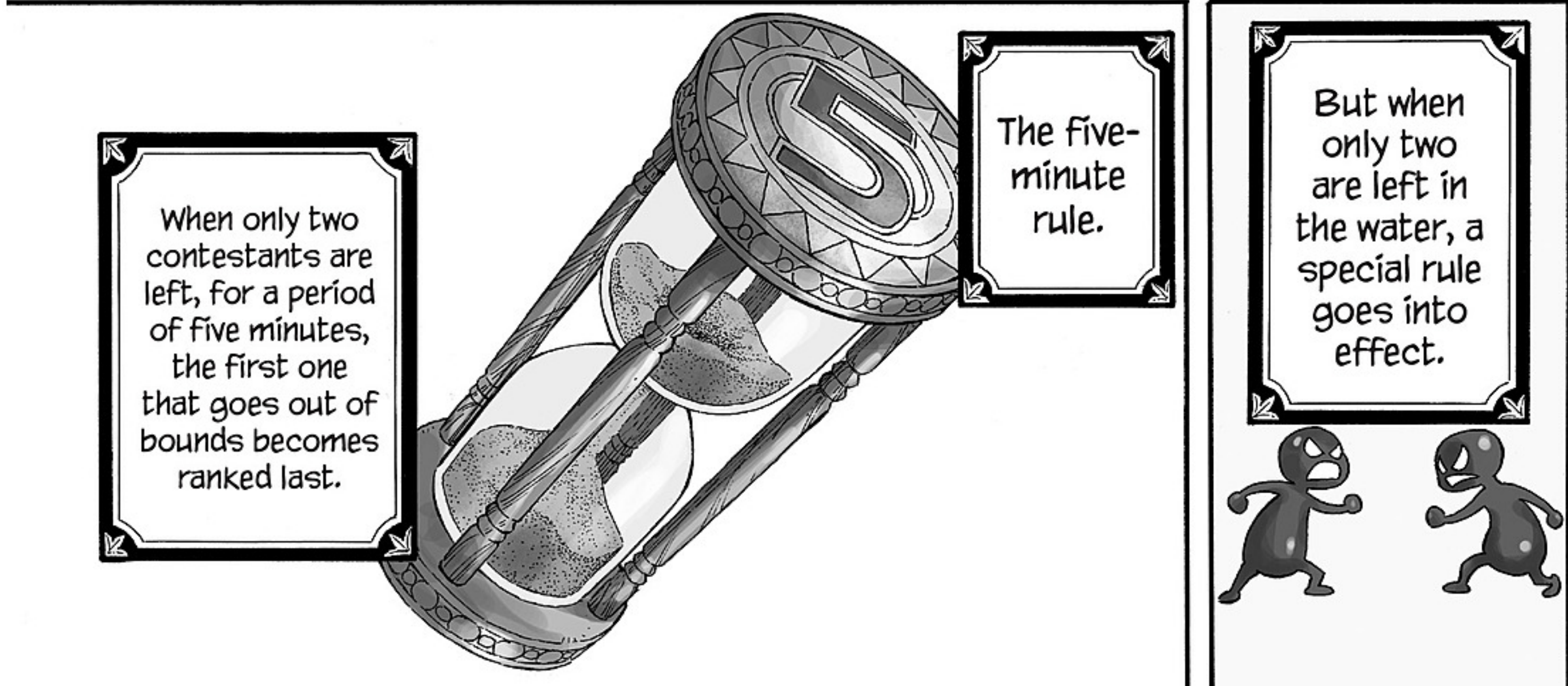
Competition section, Naval Battle. Every team chooses one member.

The Grand Magic Games, Day 4



The one left in the water at the end is the winner.

If you leave the sphere of water, you're out of bounds, and you lose.



When only two contestants are left, for a period of five minutes, the first one that goes out of bounds becomes ranked last.

The five-minute rule.

But when only two are left in the water, a special rule goes into effect.



Chapter 291: Naval Battle



Sergeant
Yukino Agría,
reporting for
duty.

A night
when all
sorts of
emotions
were at a
crossroads.

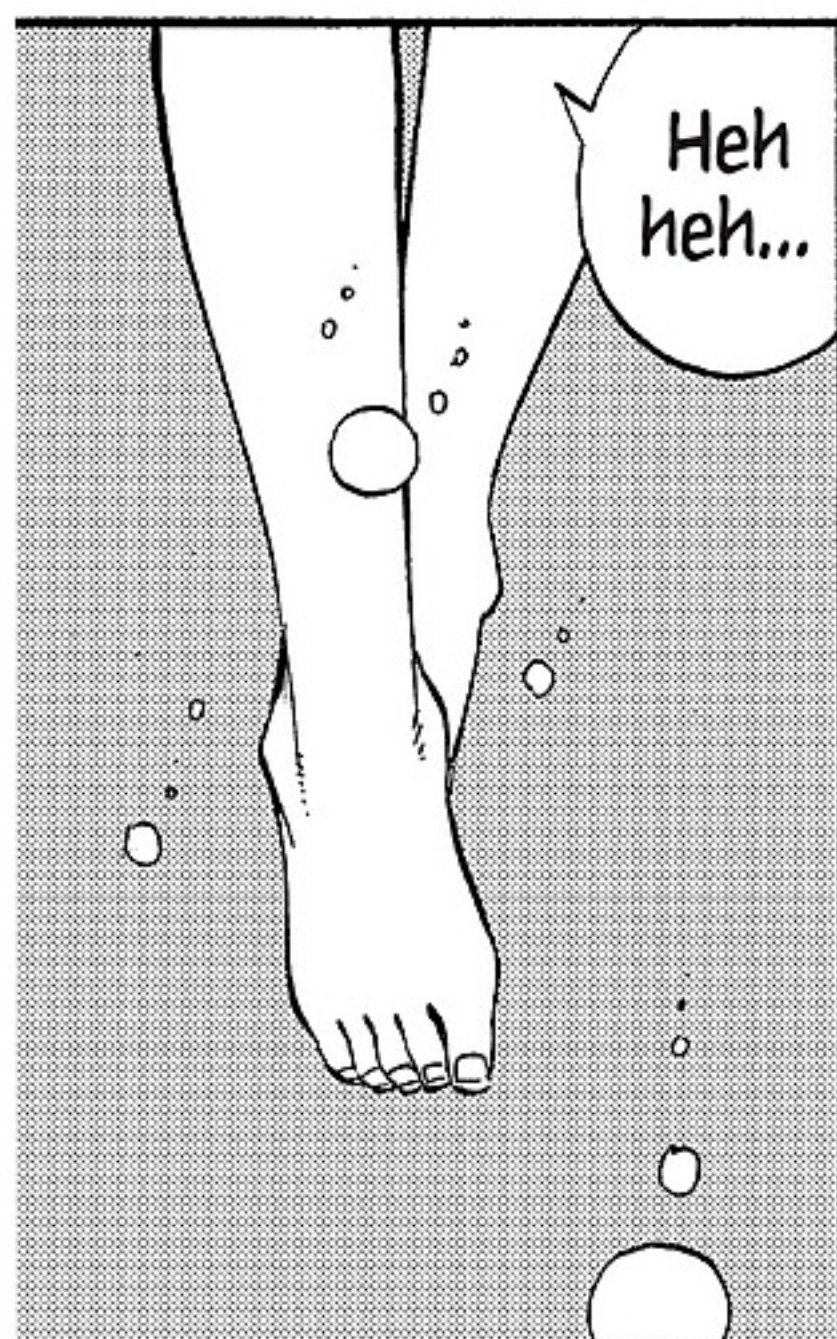
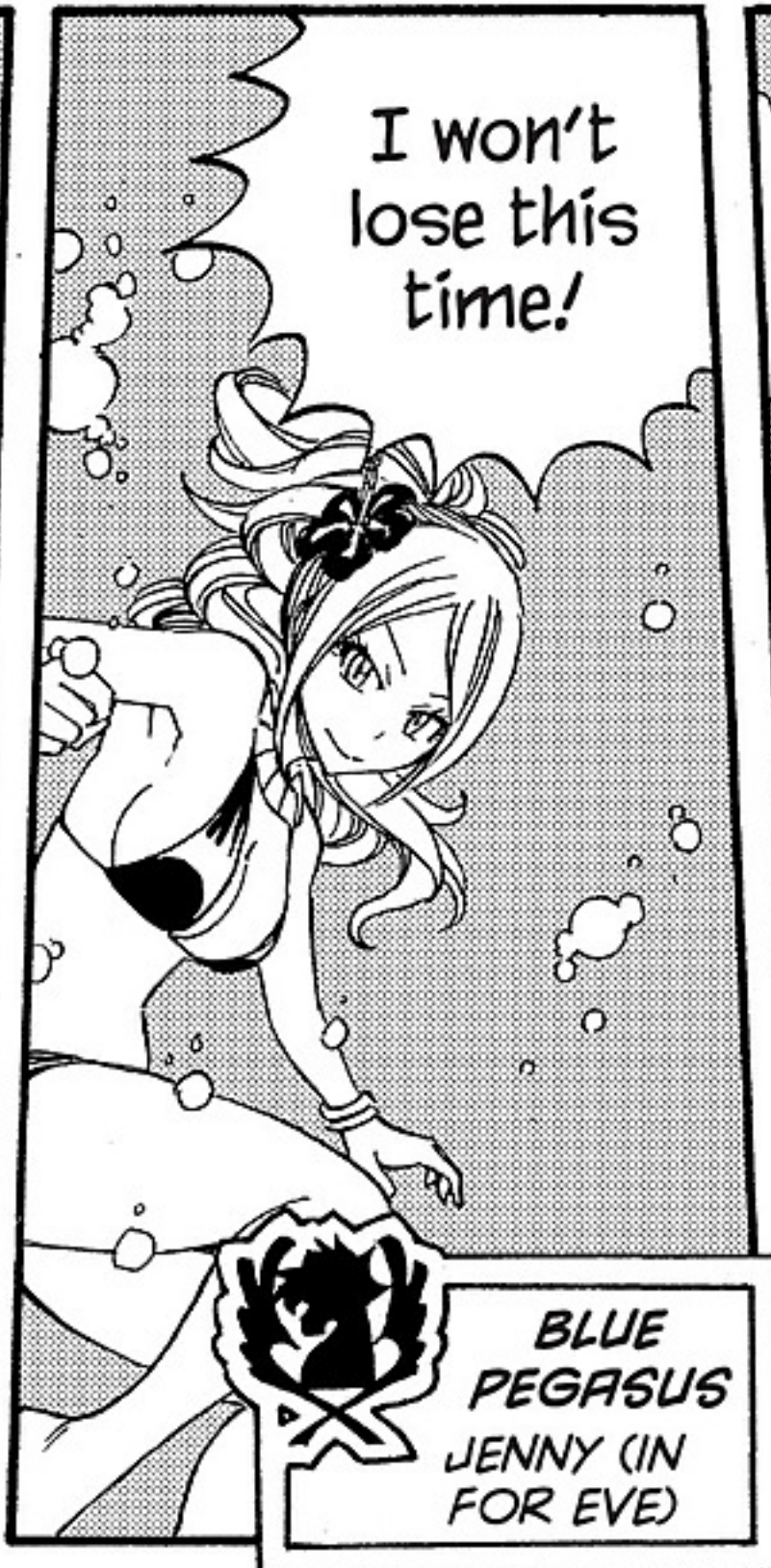


The
fateful
day, only
four days
away.

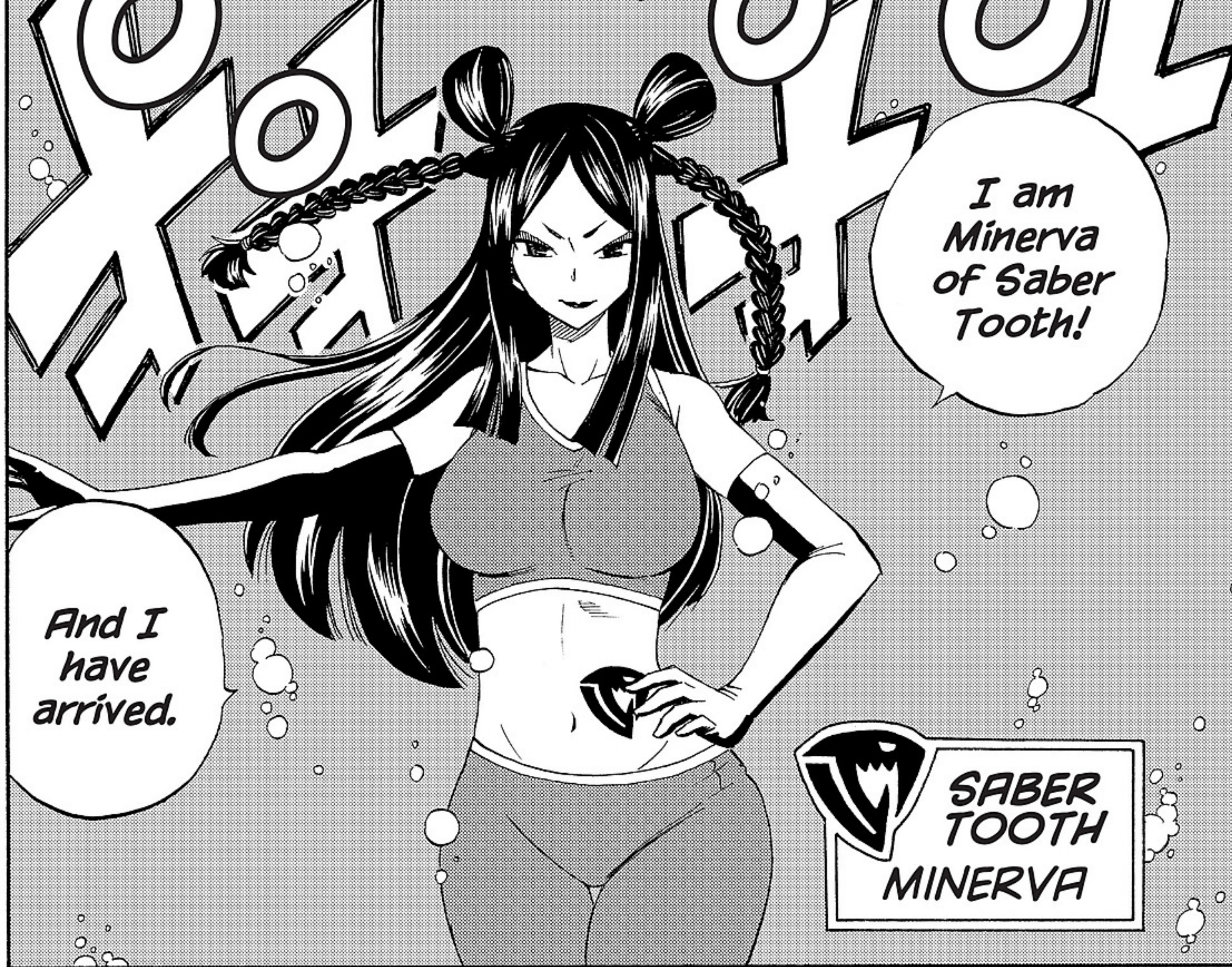


We were
heading for
that day.





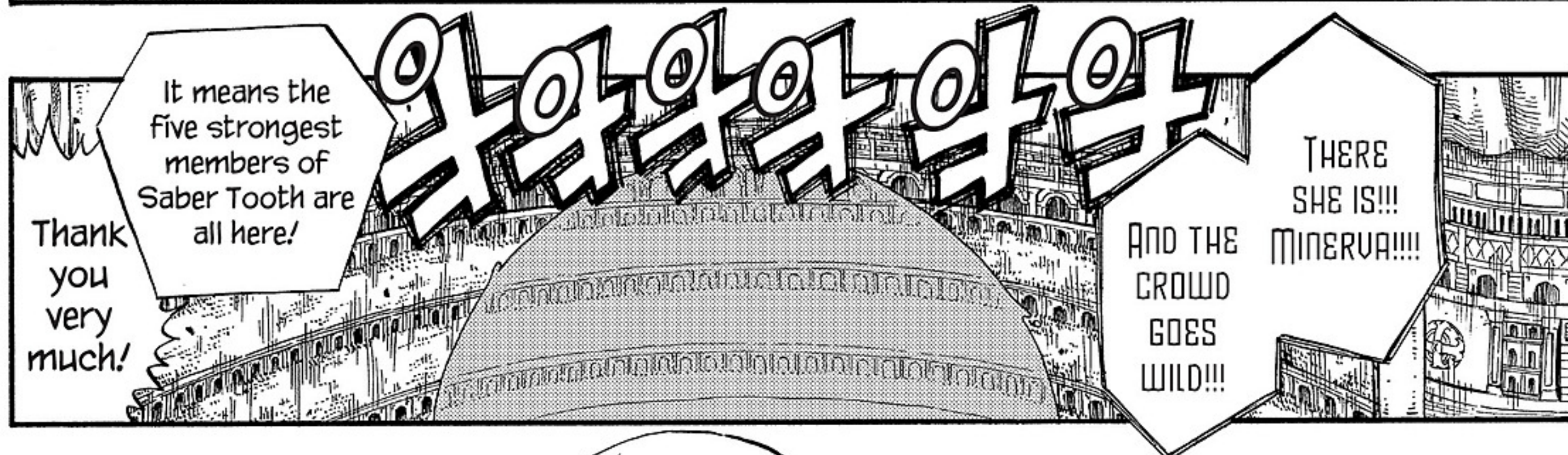




*I am
Minerva
of Saber
Tooth!*

*And I
have
arrived.*

**SABER
TOOTH
MINERVA**



It means the
five strongest
members of
Saber Tooth are
all here!

Thank
you
very
much!

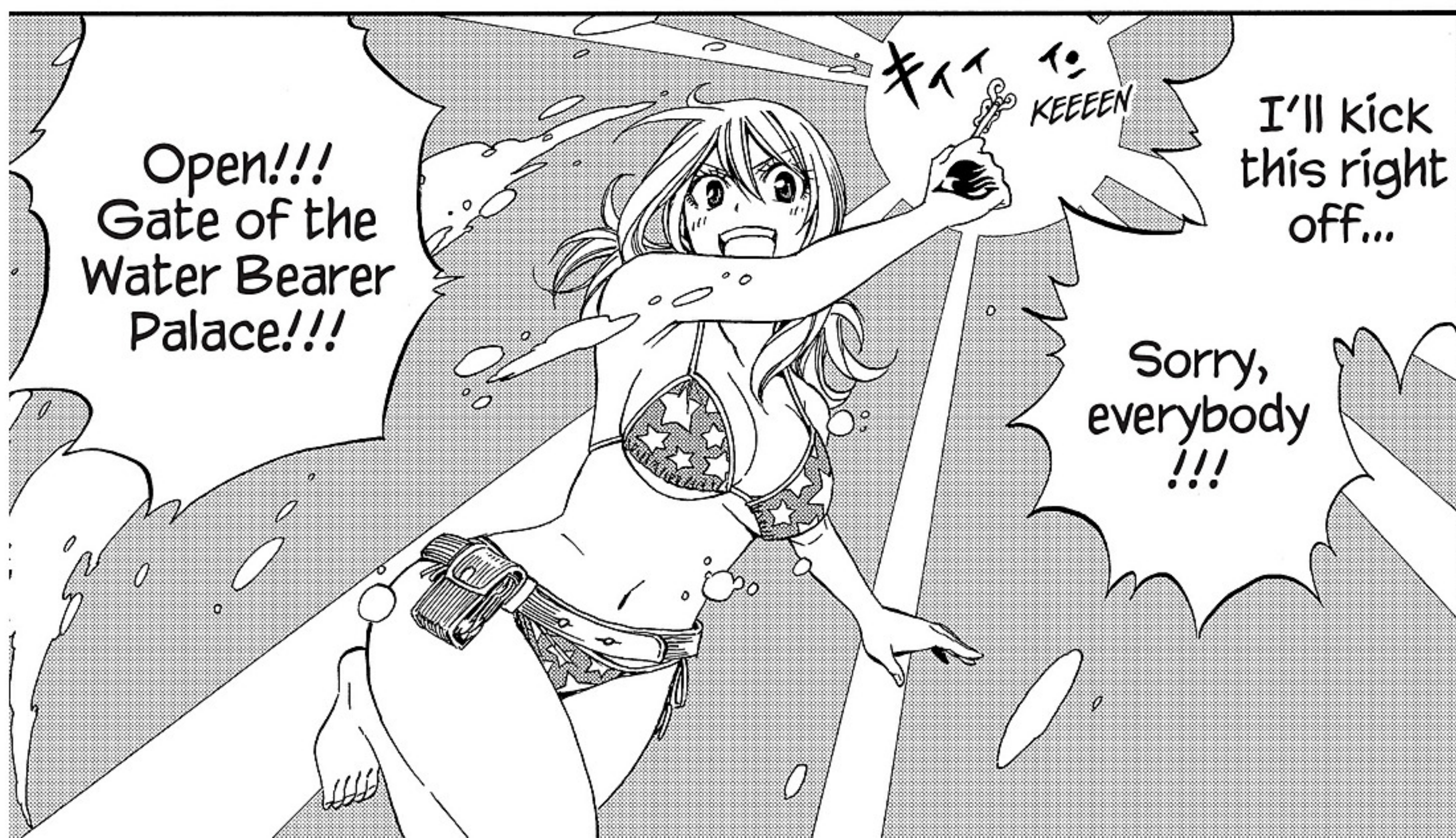
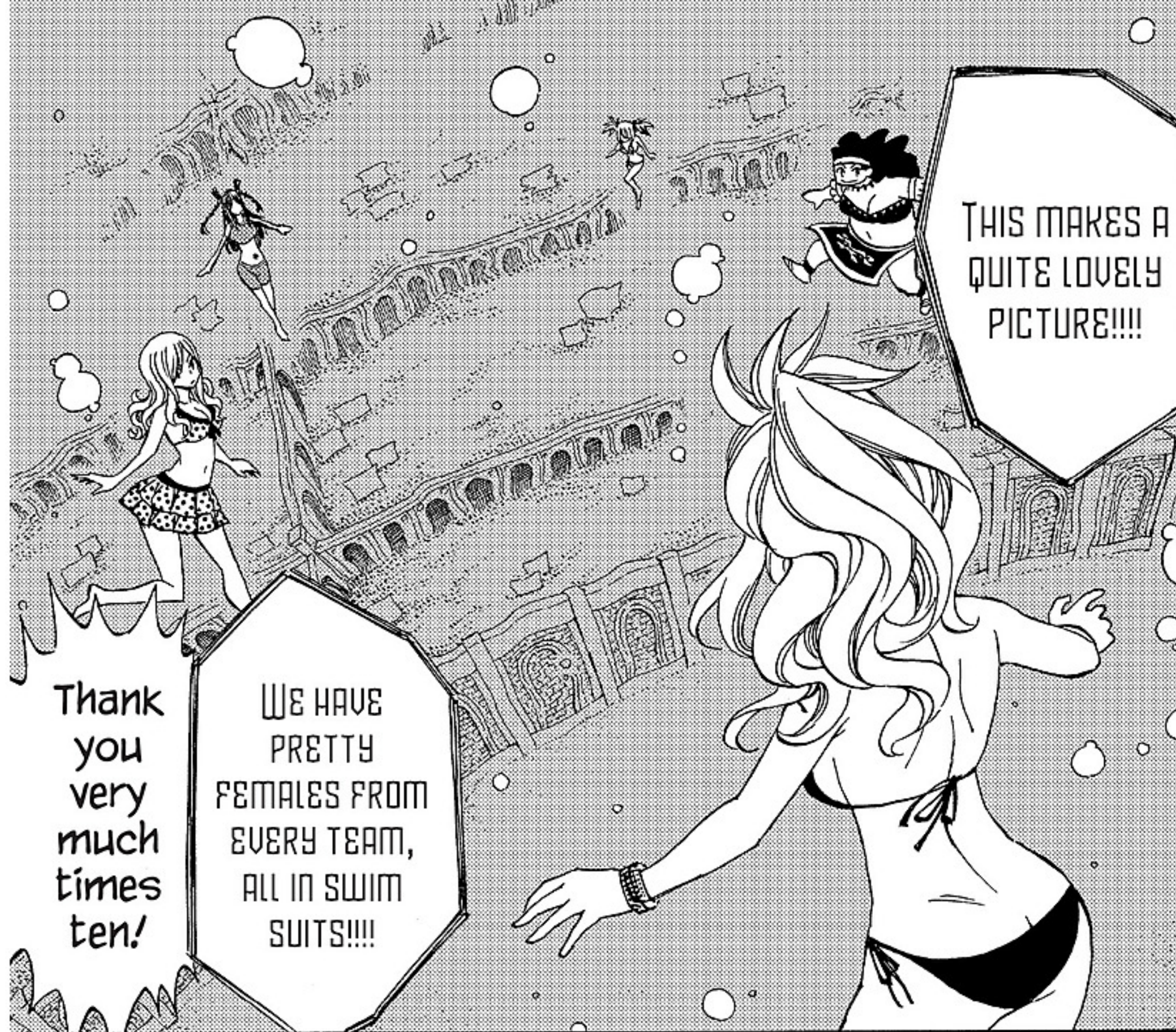
THERE
SHE IS!!!
MINERVA!!!!
AND THE
CROWD
GOES
WILD!!!



I won't
lose this
either!

I'm going
to make
up for my
failure on
the first
day!

**FAIRY
TAIL A
LUCY**

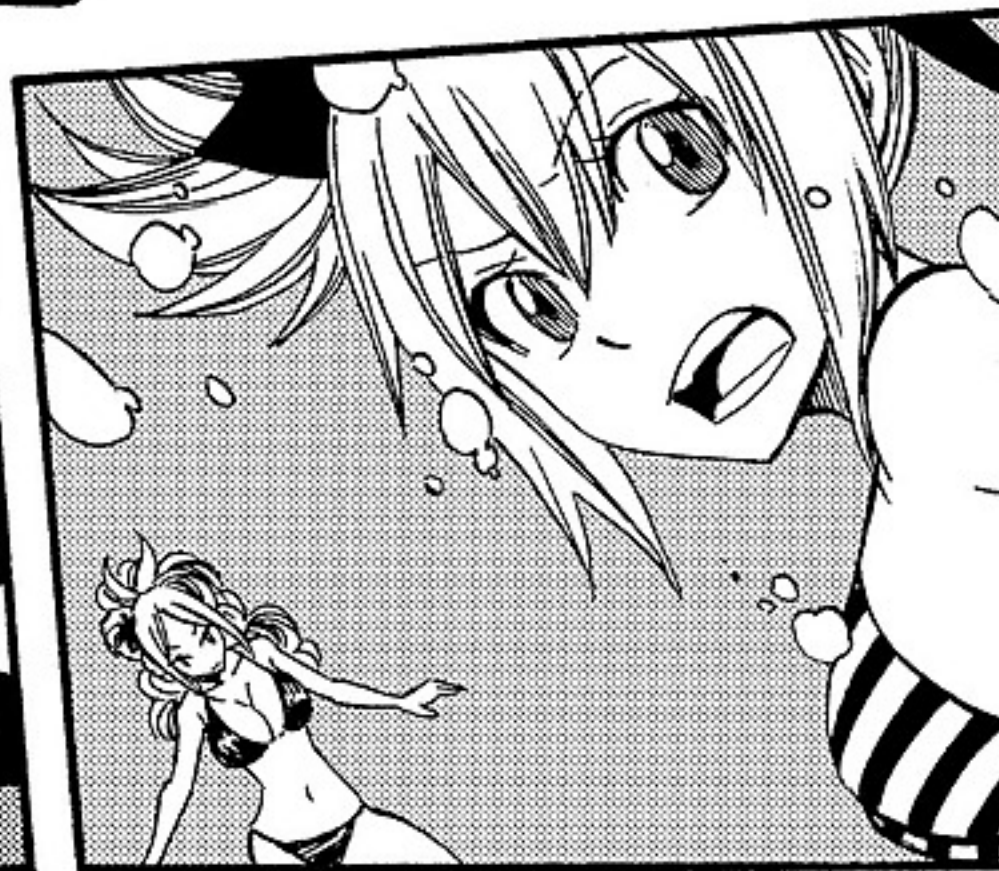
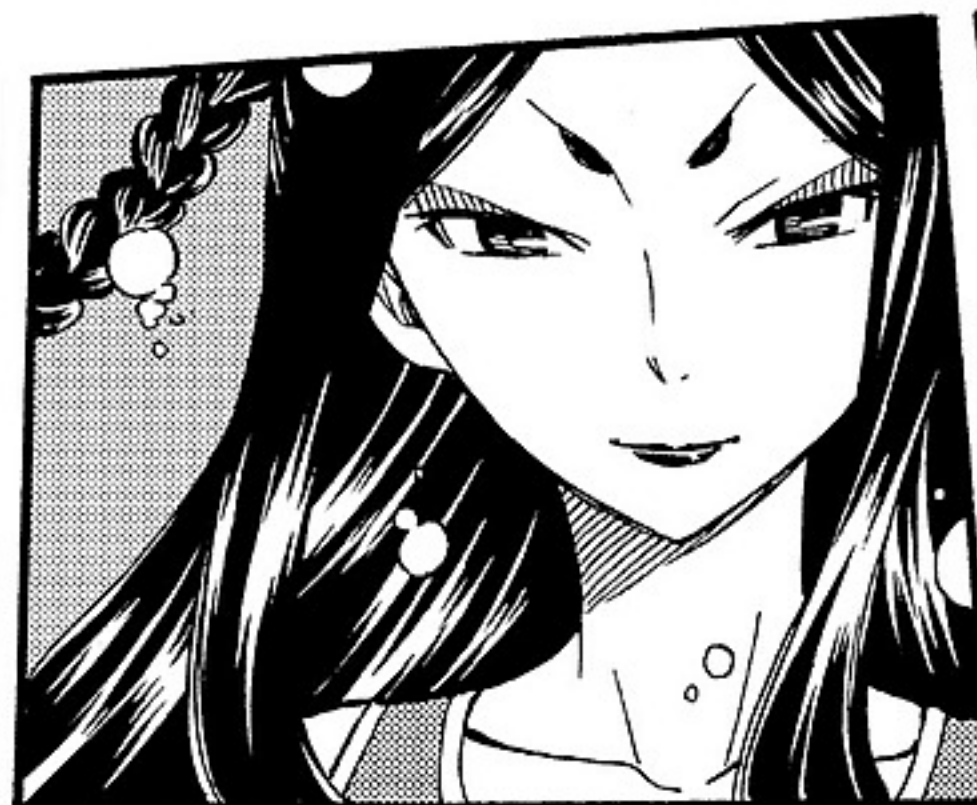




Ohhhh!!!!
Underwater
is my back
yard!!!

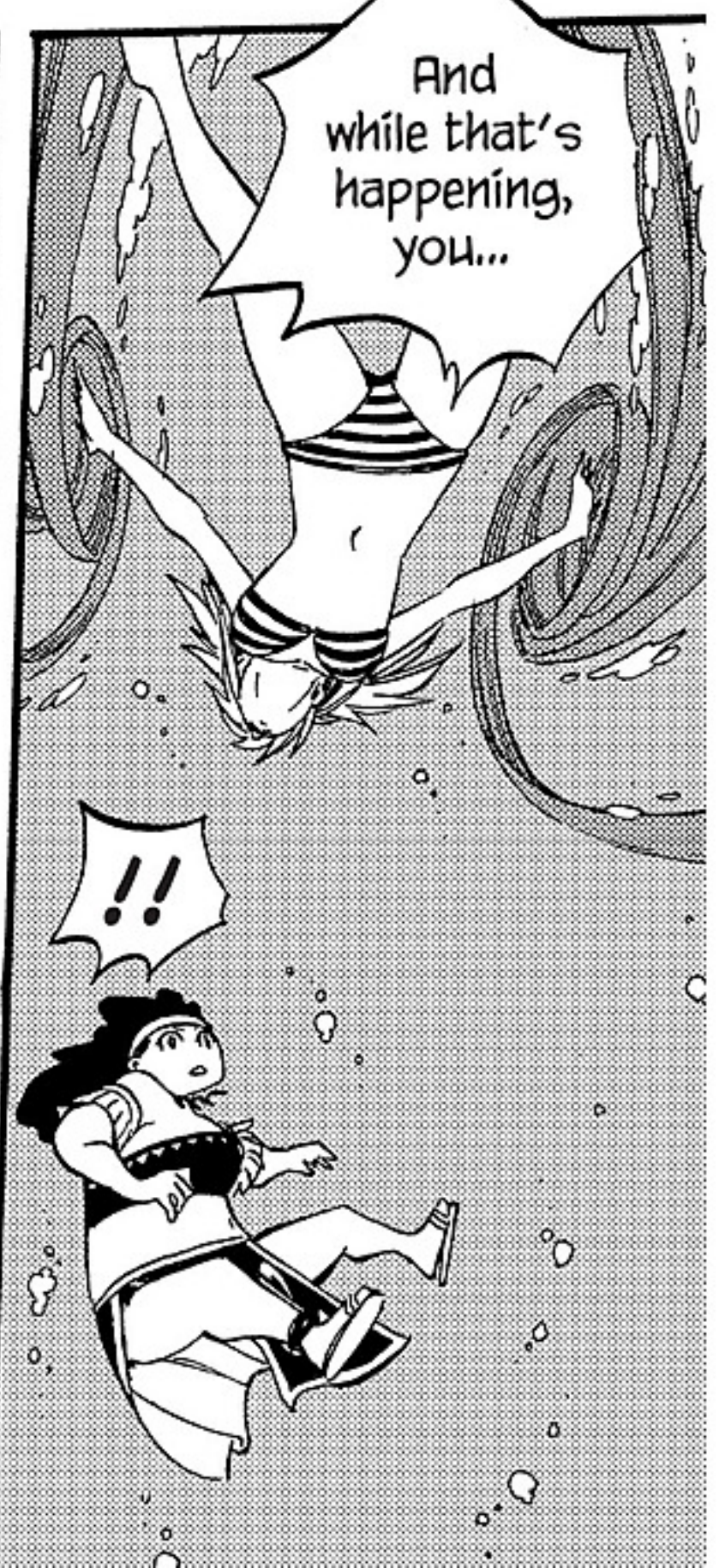


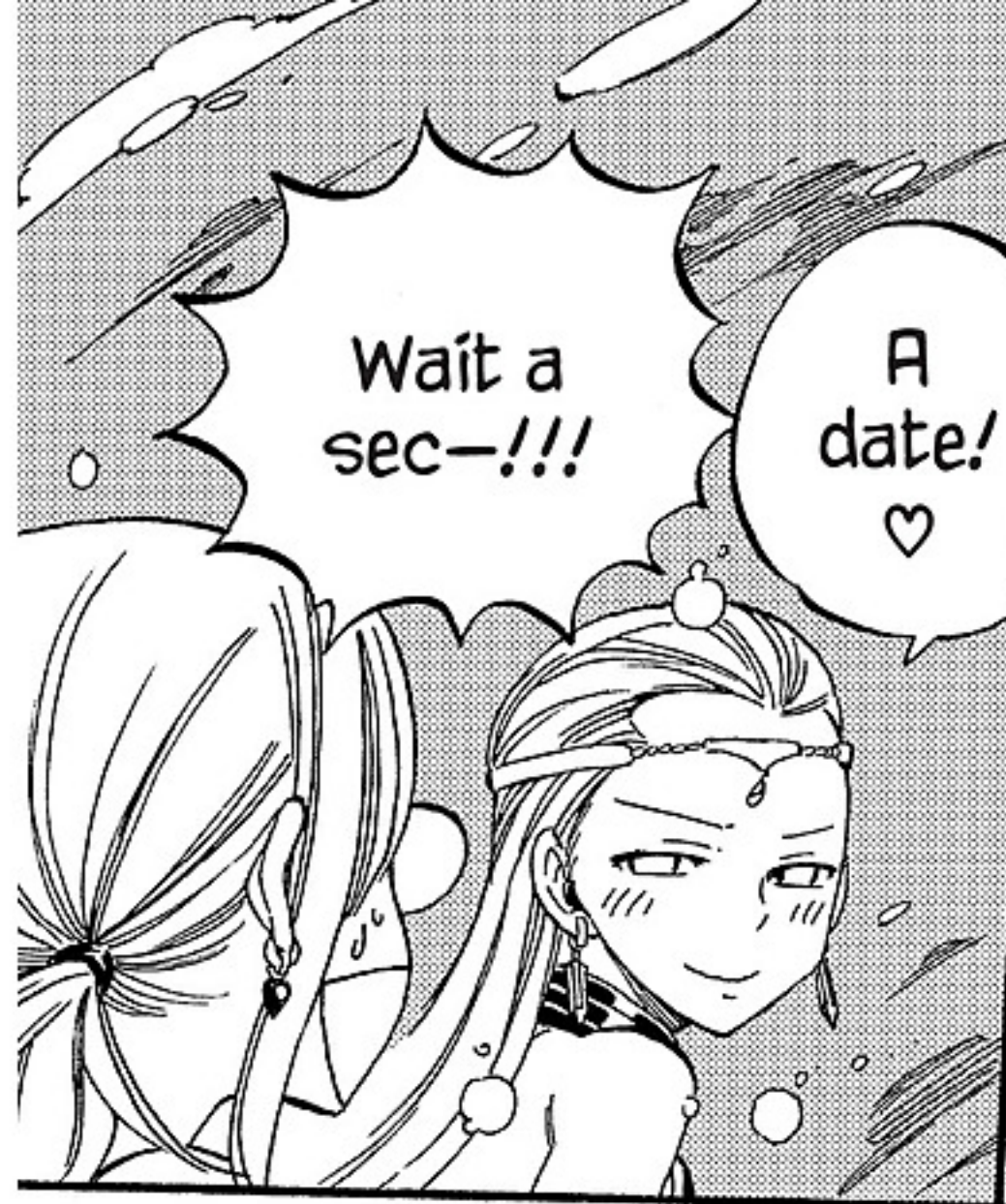
No,
you
won't
!!!



**WATER
CYCLONE
!!!**







Wait a sec—!!!

A date!
♡



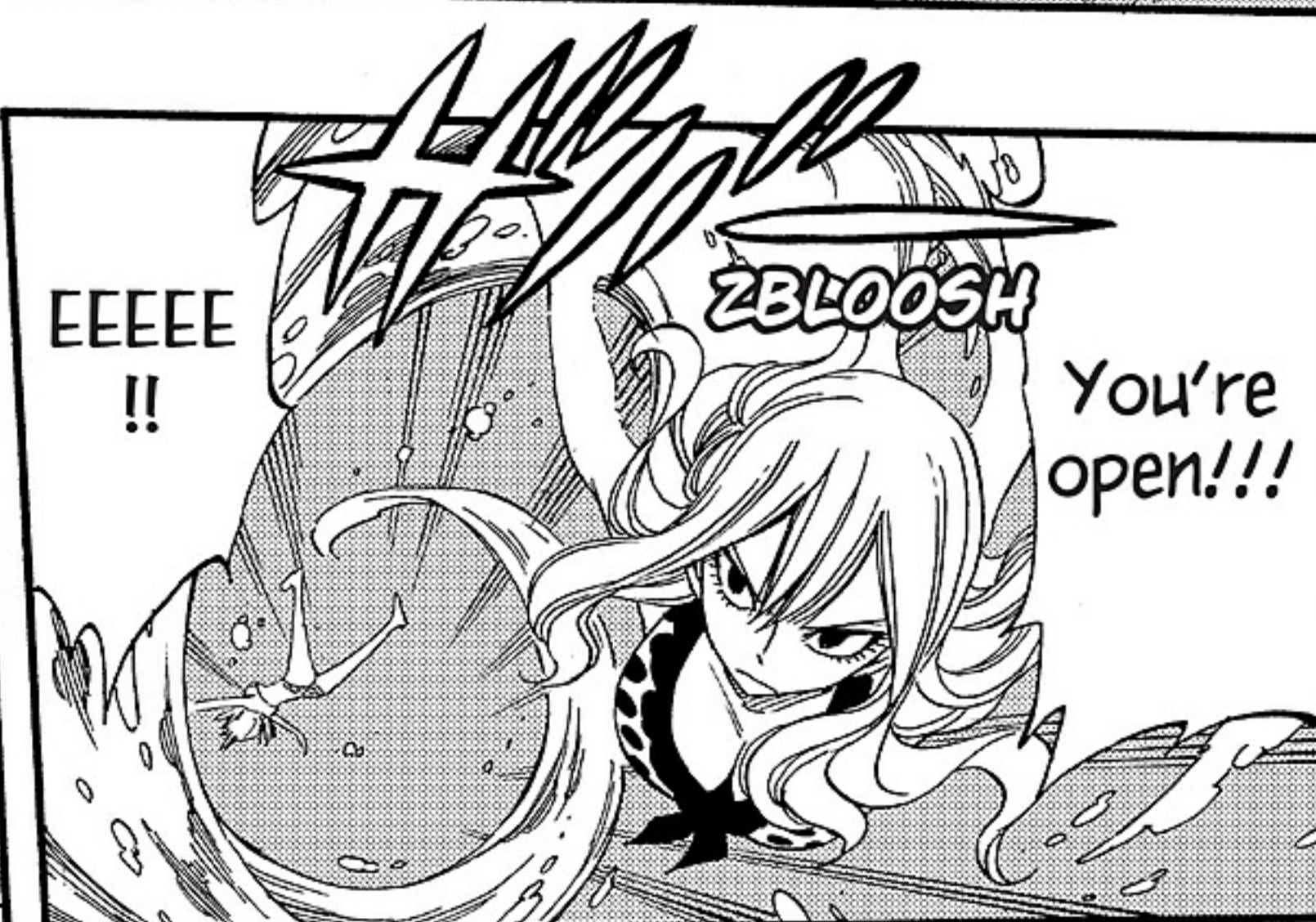
Huh?! Why?!
You're the one
I most depend
on in the
water!!

We're not
getting
anywhere
like this!
I'm going
to return
for now!



VIRGO
!!!!

ARIES
!!!!



EEEEEE
!!

ZBLOOSH

You're
open!!!



That was
close!!



I am your
sexy guard,
Princess!!

I'm so
puffy!!
Please
forgive
me!



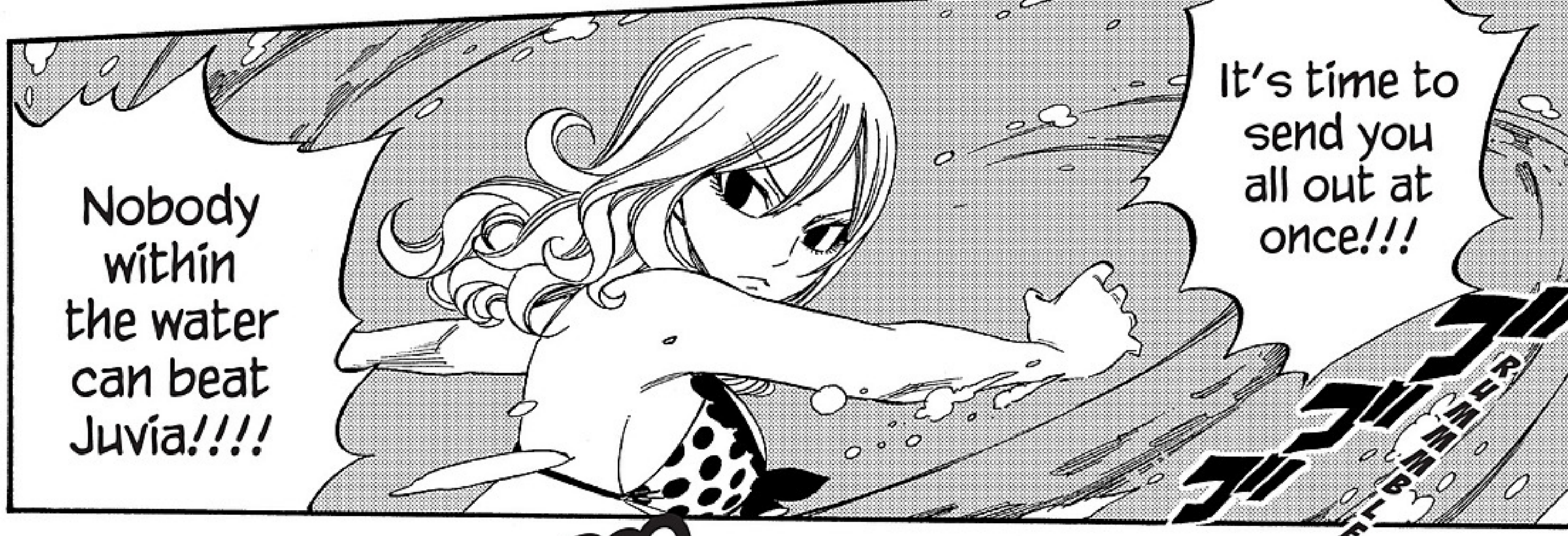
Shut
up!!

AND FAIRY
TAIL A!! WHY
DIDN'T YOU
PUT OUT
WENDY-TAN
INSTEAD?!



HANG IN
THERE,
SHERRIA-
TAN!!!

THE
WATERY
BATTLE
GOES ON!!!



Nobody
within
the water
can beat
Juvia!!!!

It's time to
send you
all out at
once!!!

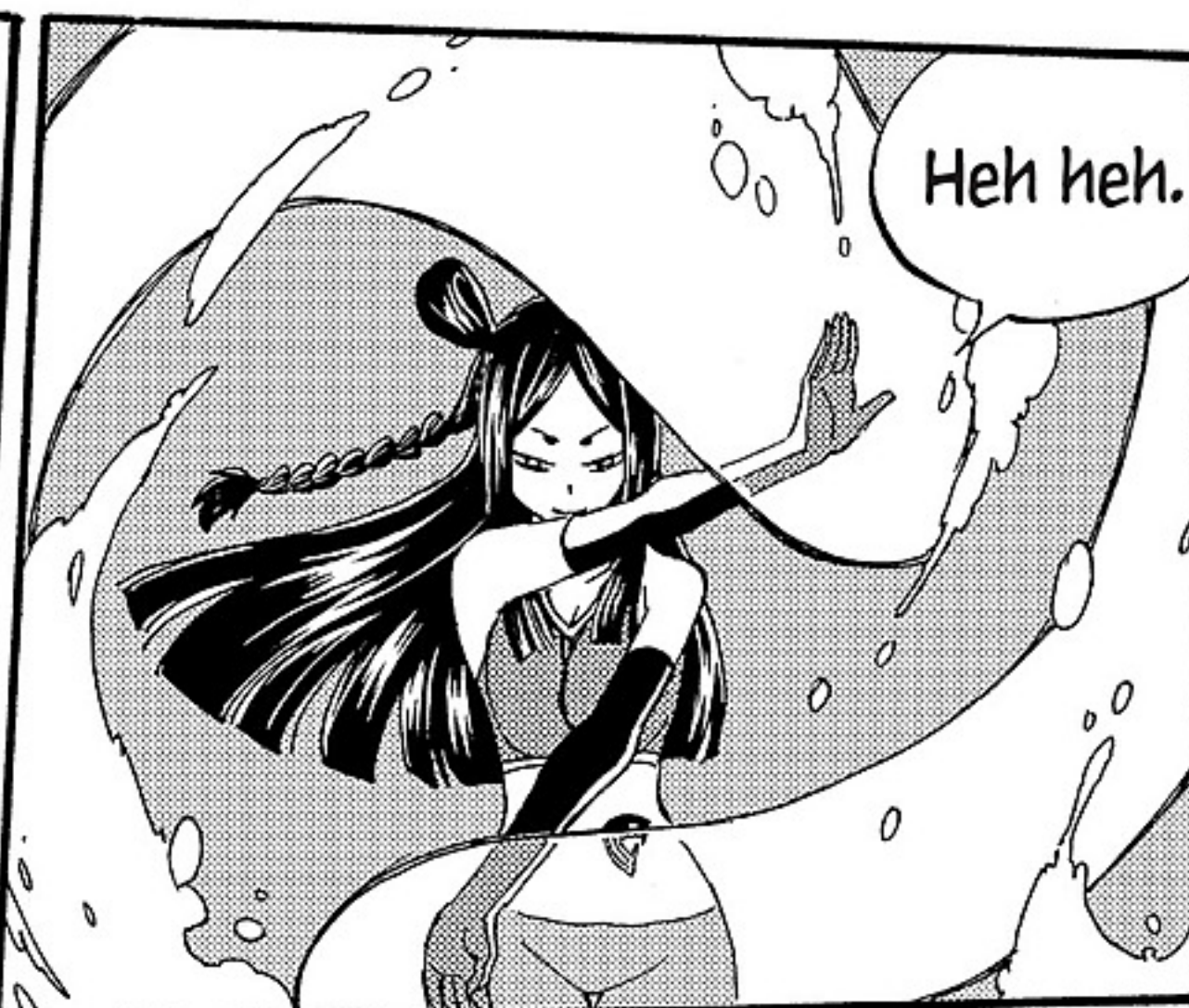
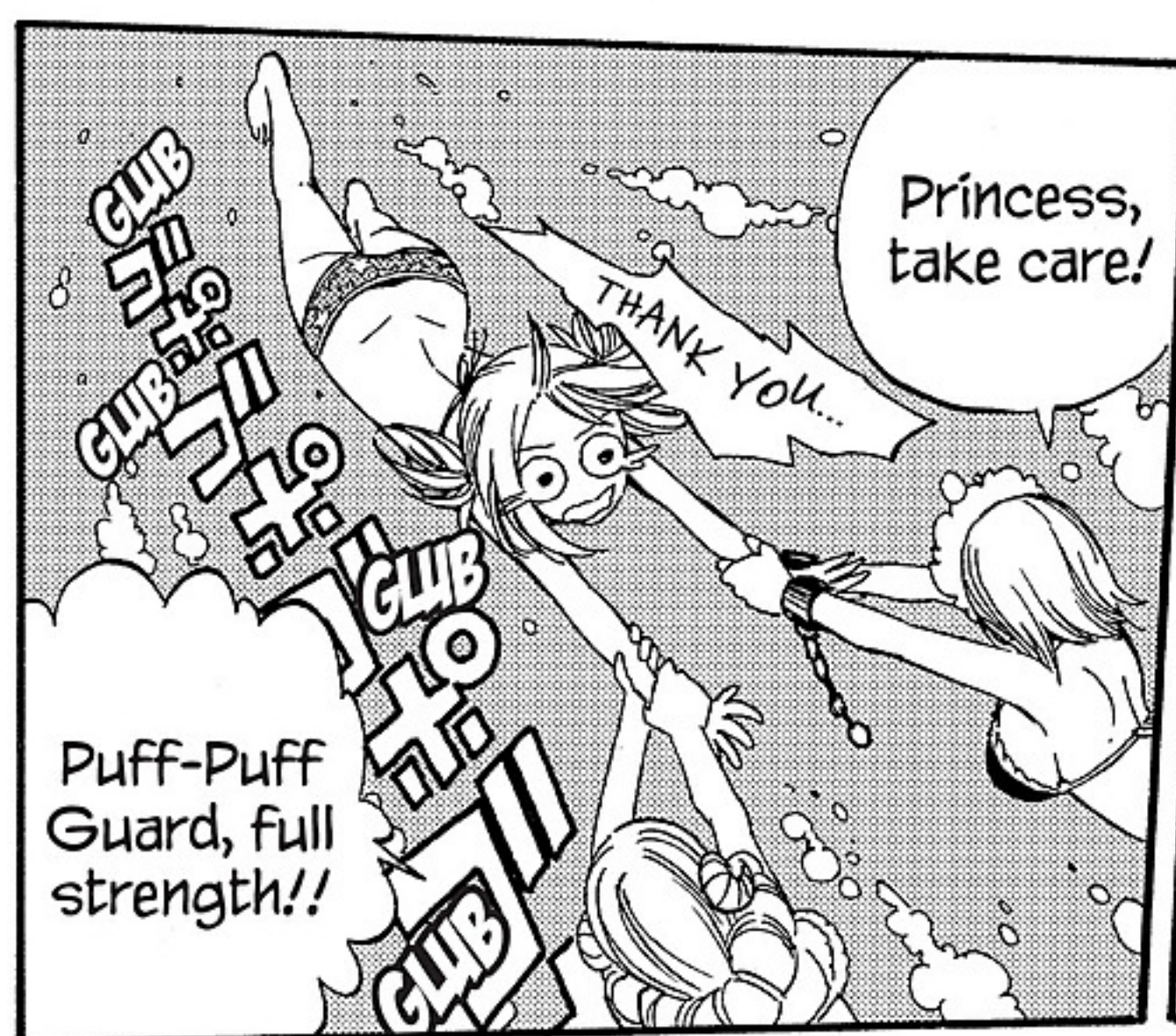
X ZWEEEEN

This is
for you!!!!
The Wings of
Love!!!! Juvia
Adores Gray-
sama!!!!

And with
Juvia's
Second Origin,
Juvia has a
new ultimate
attack to
unleash
now...

STOP
THAT
!!

RUMM
M
B
L
E
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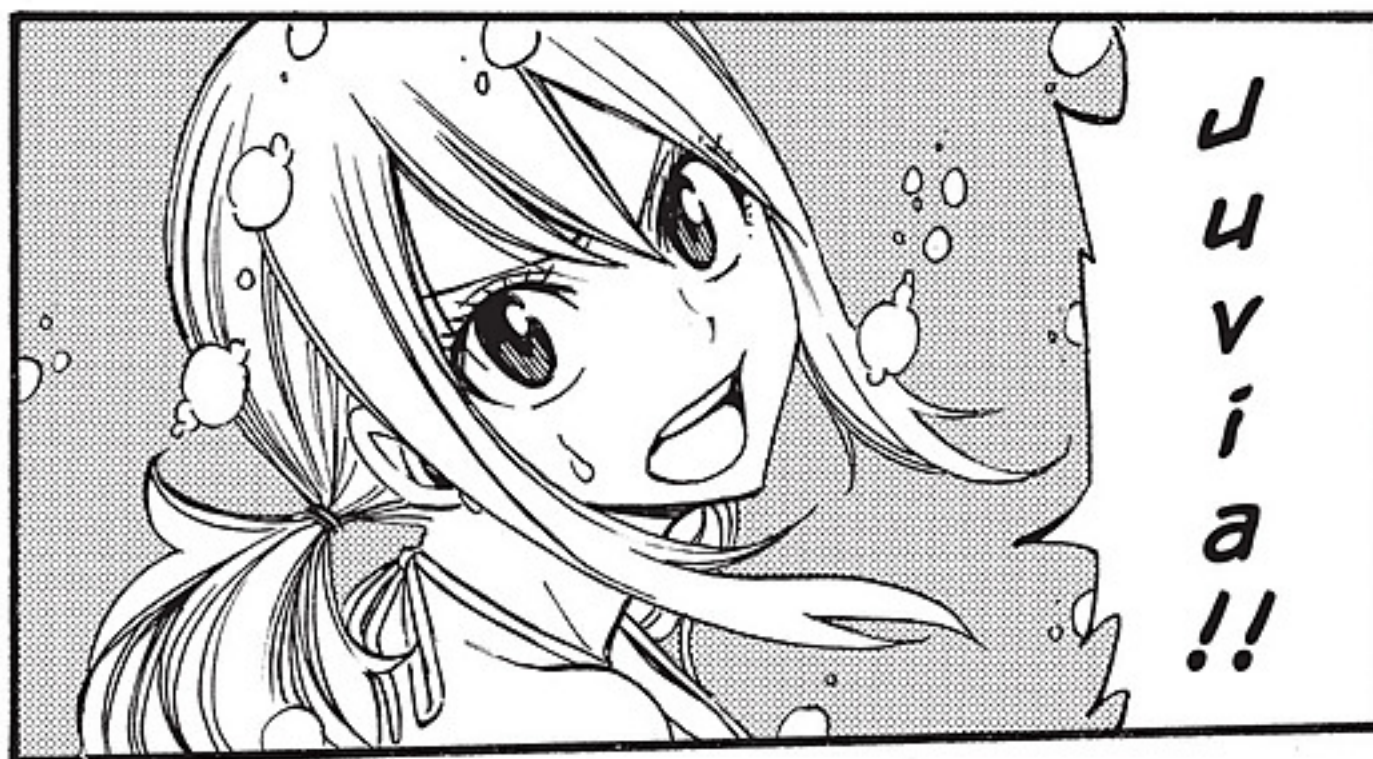




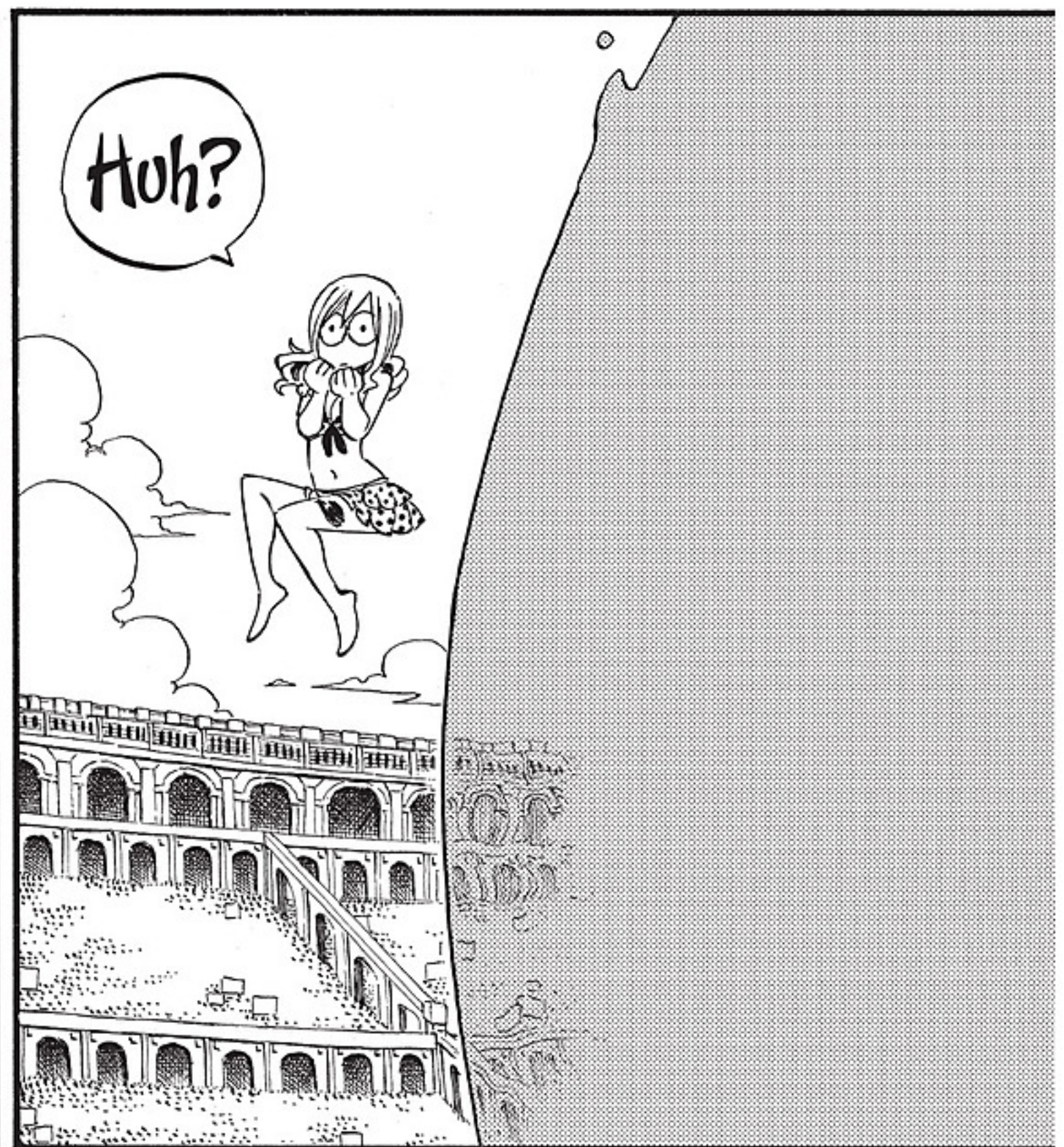
He's
pulling
back in
revulsion
!!!!



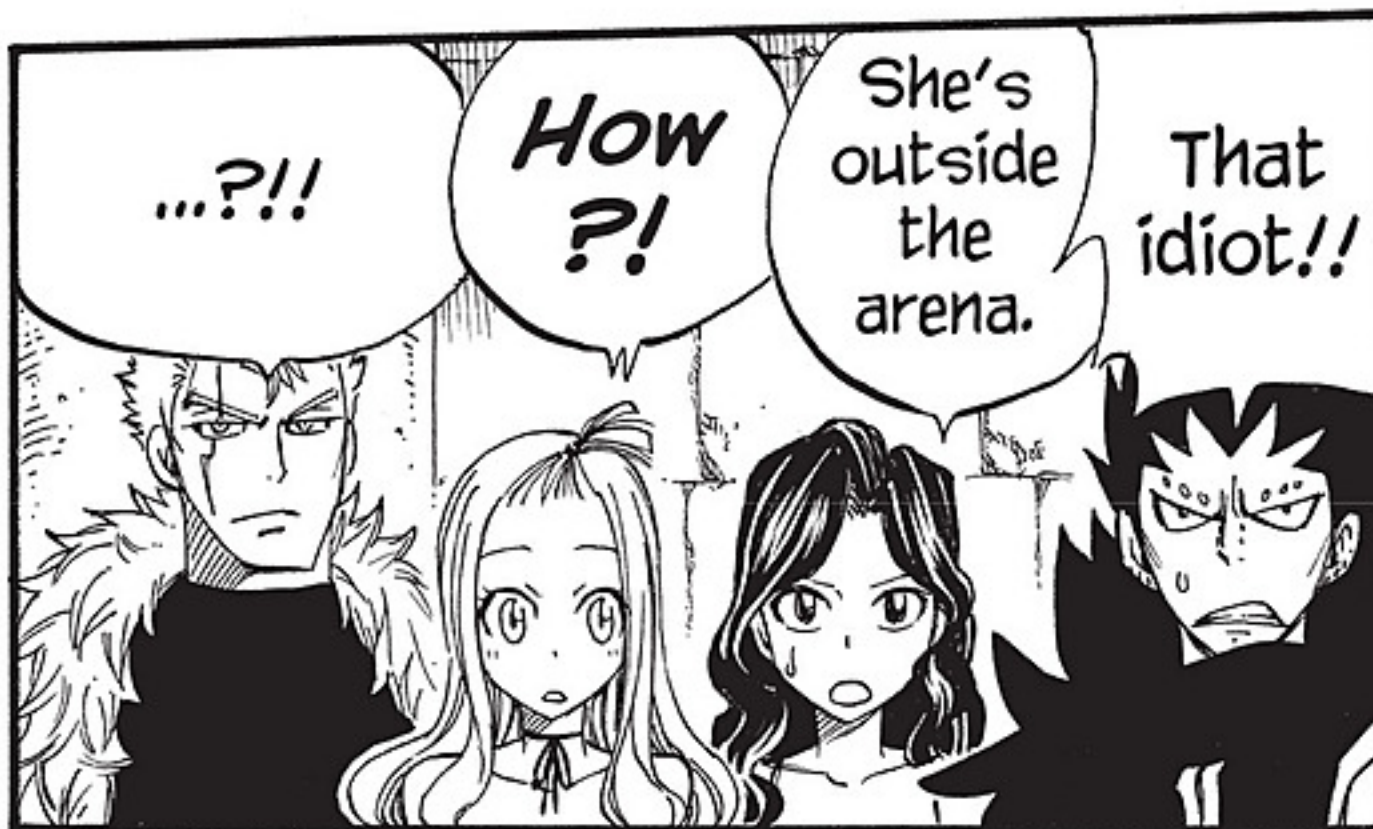
Are you
looking at
Juvia with
wonder and
love, Gray-
sama?



J
u
v
i
a
!!



Huh?

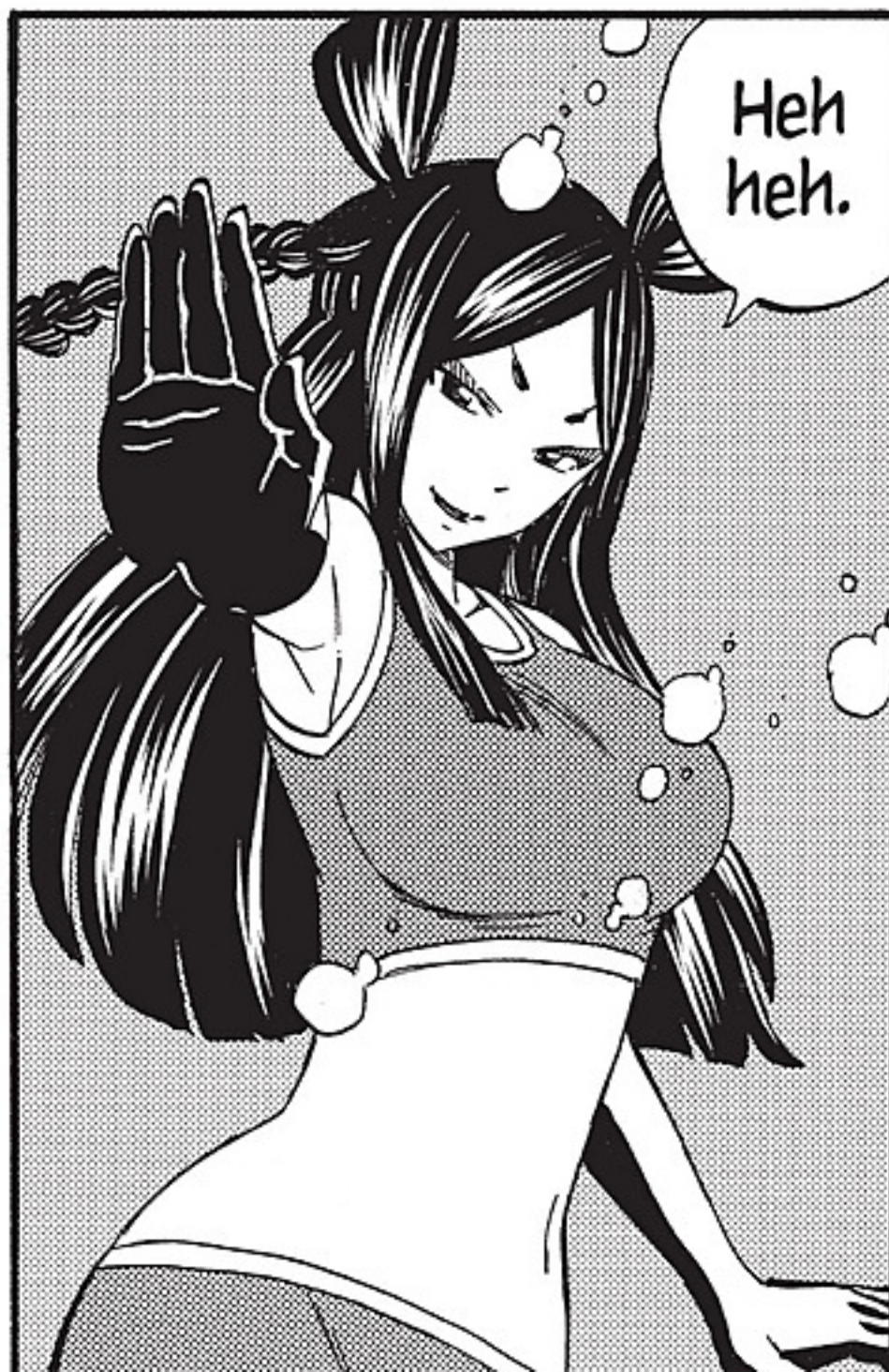


...?!!

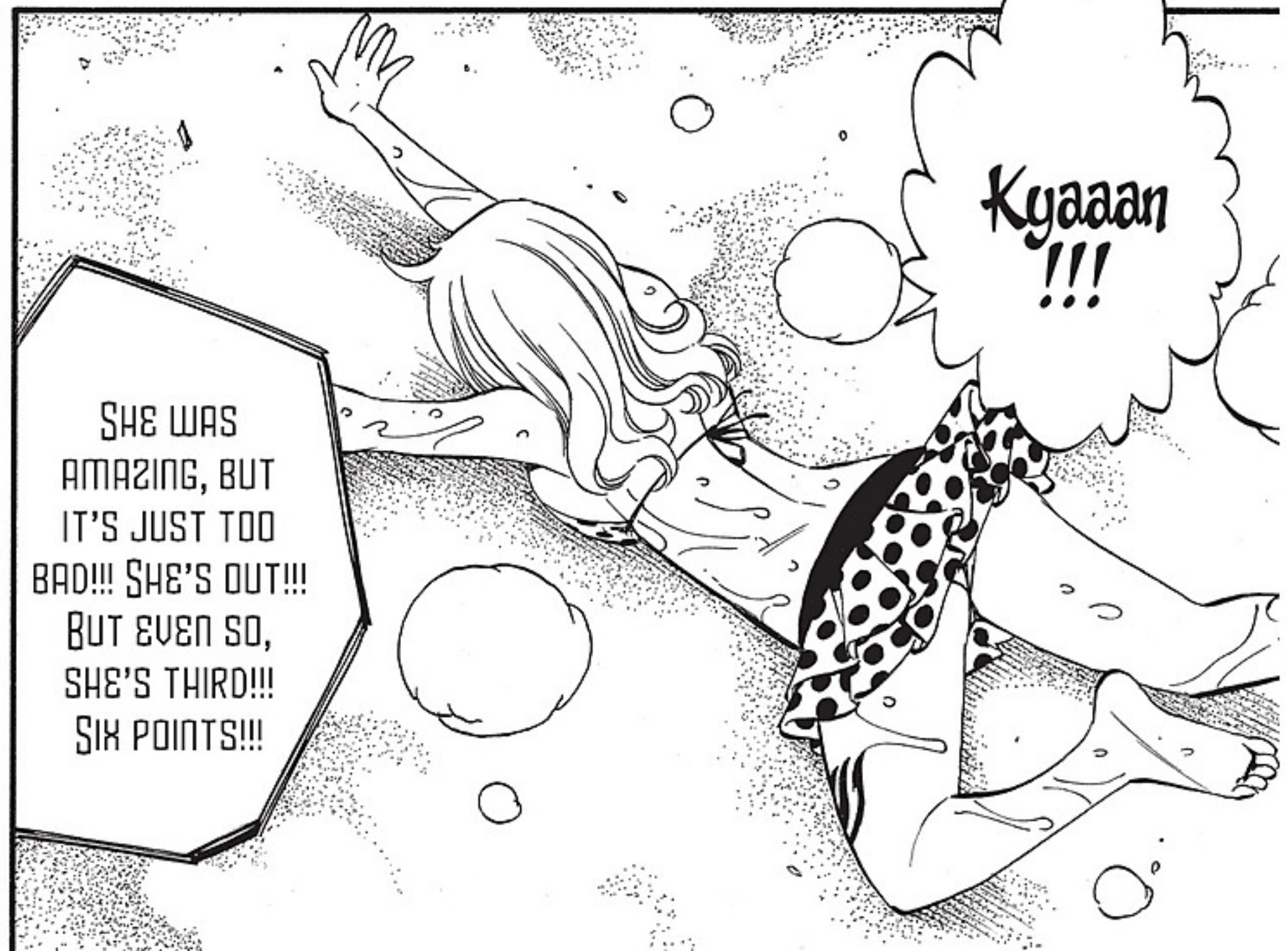
How
?!

She's
outside
the
arena.

That
idiot!!

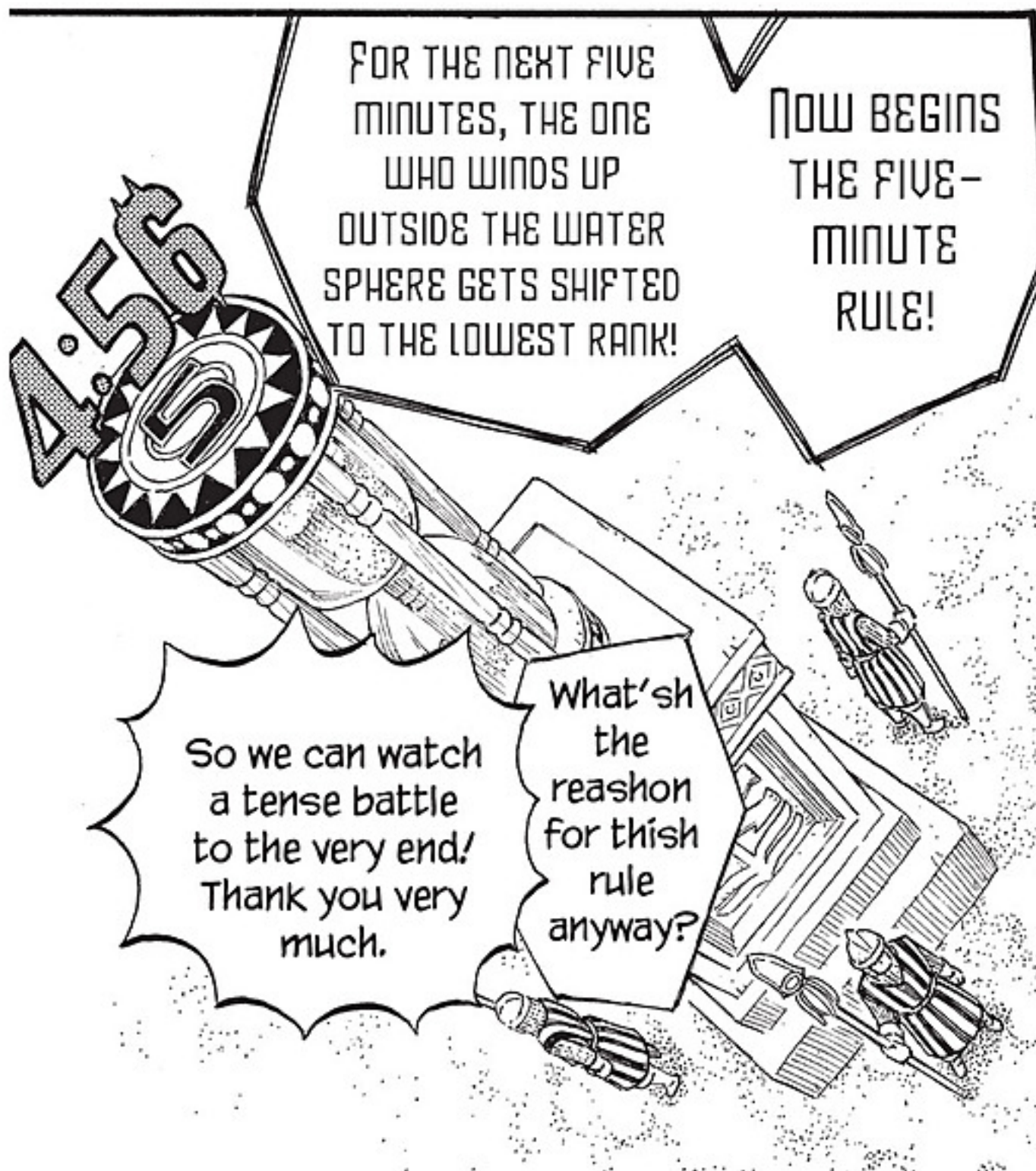
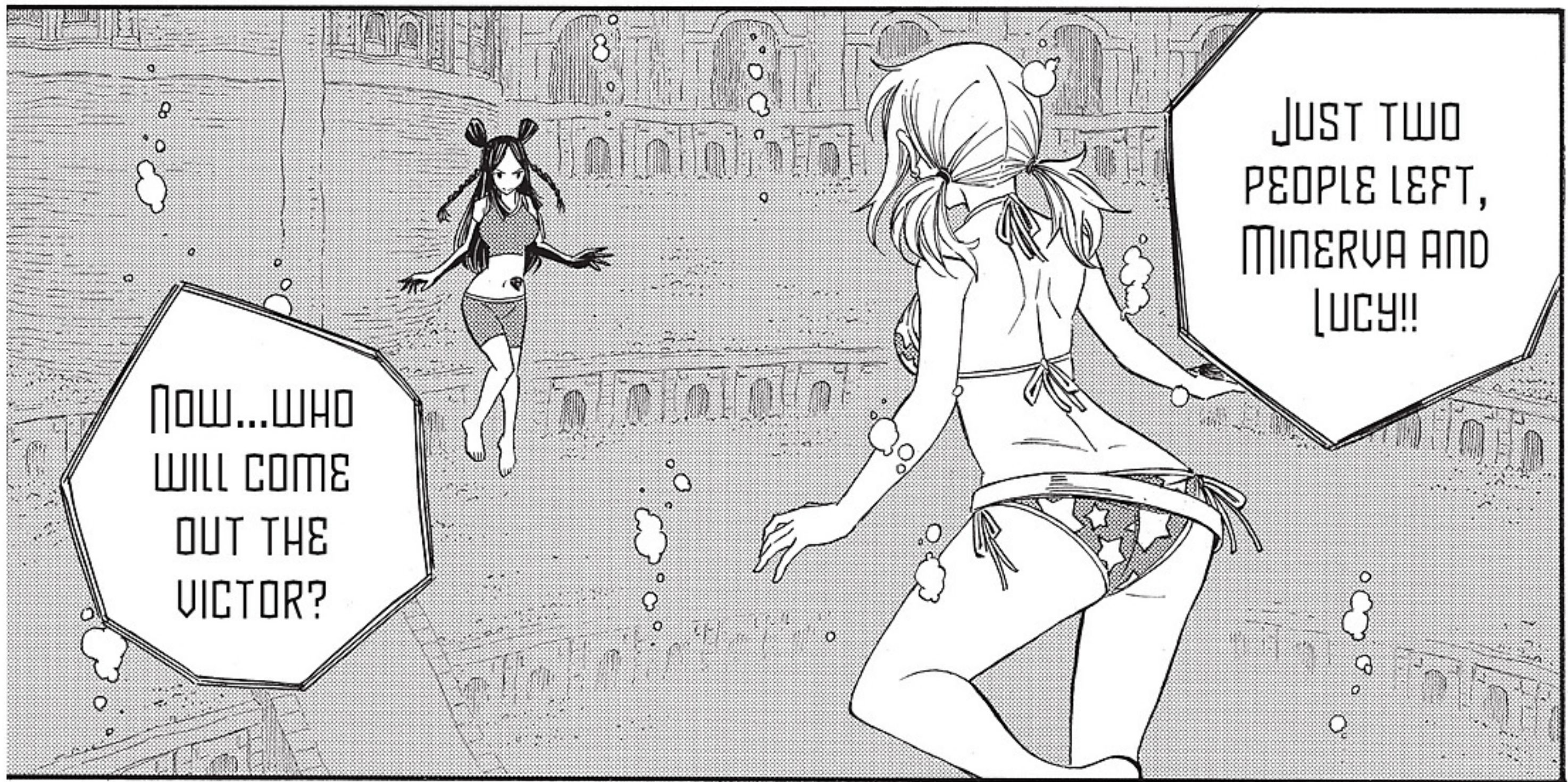
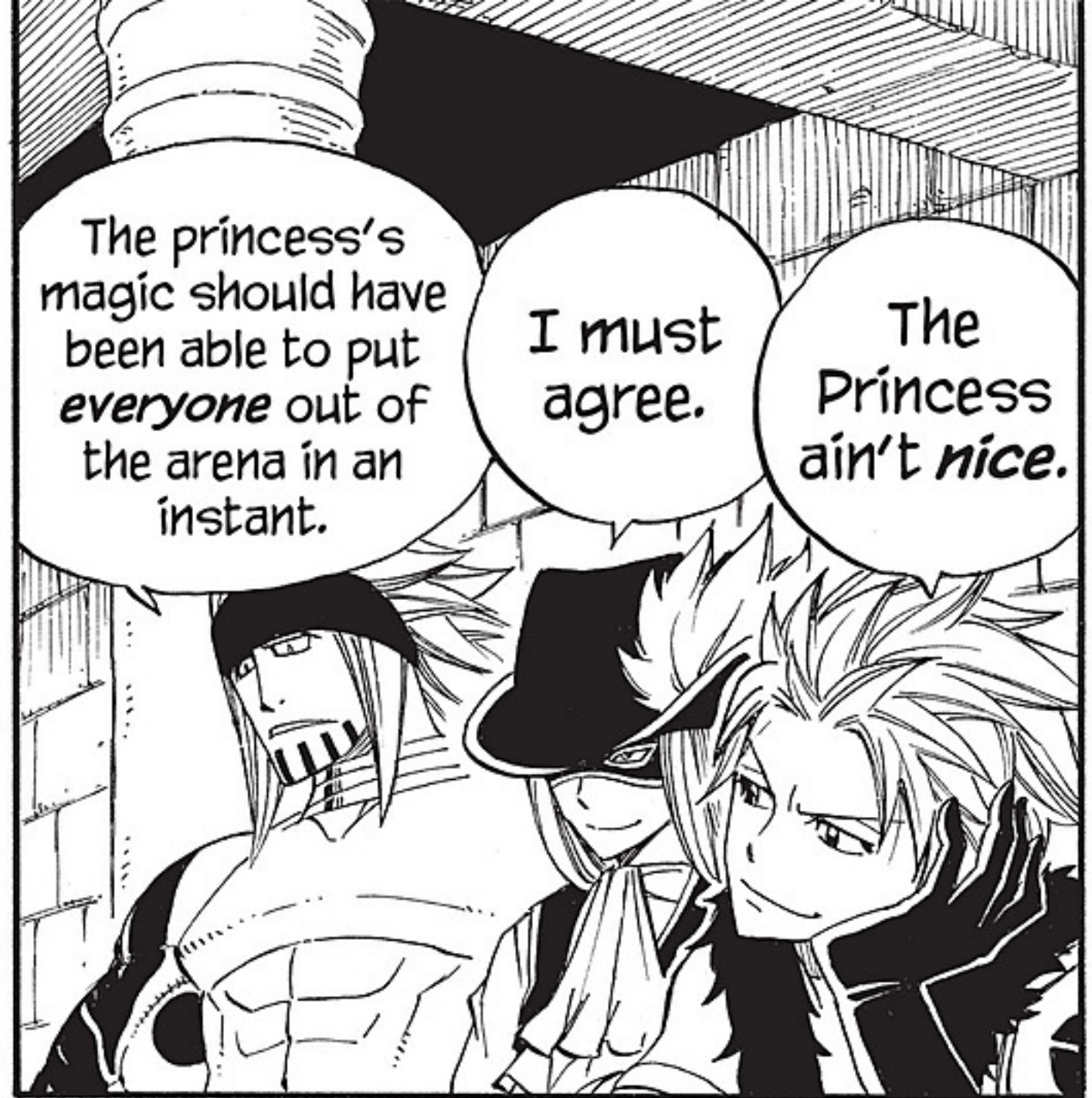


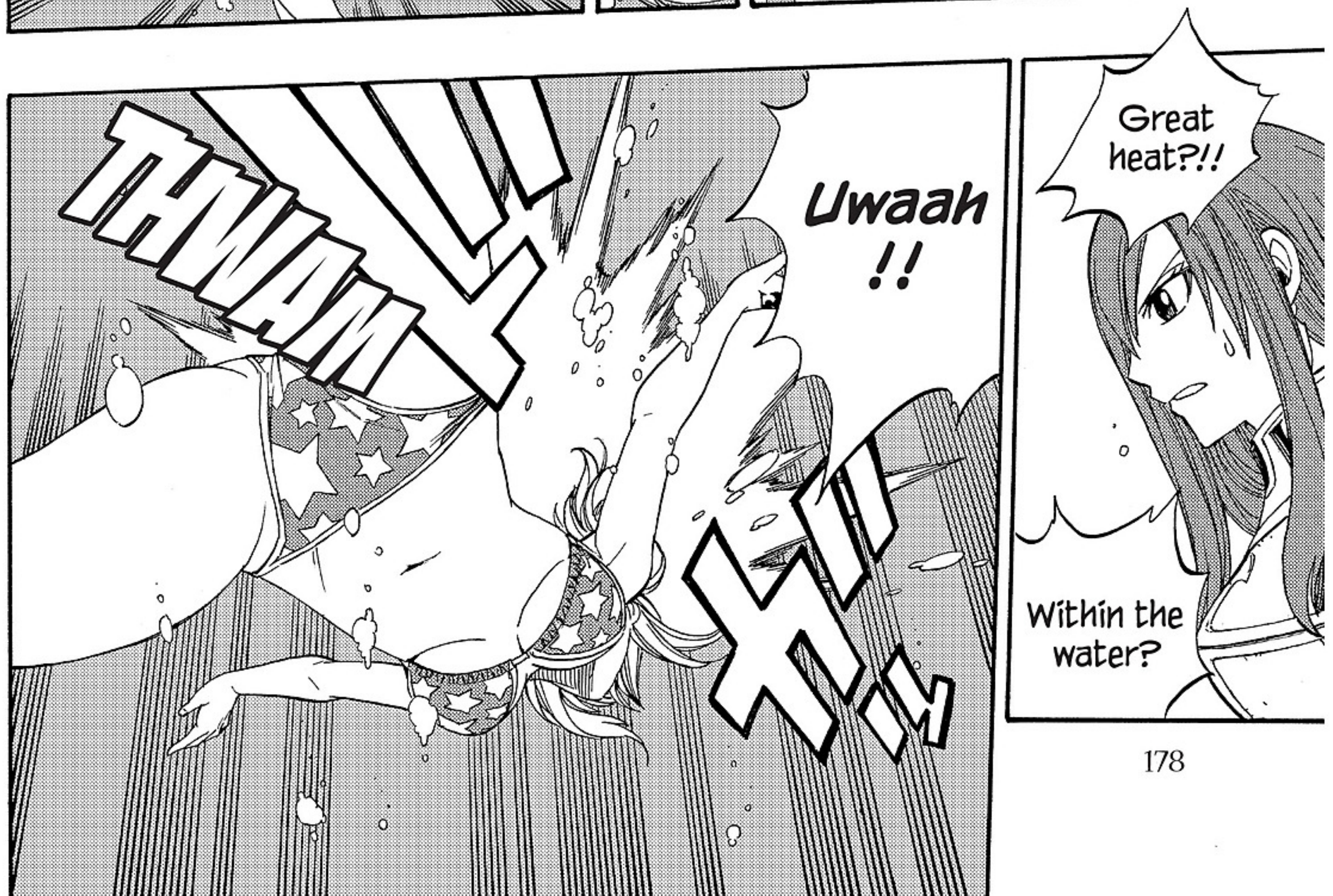
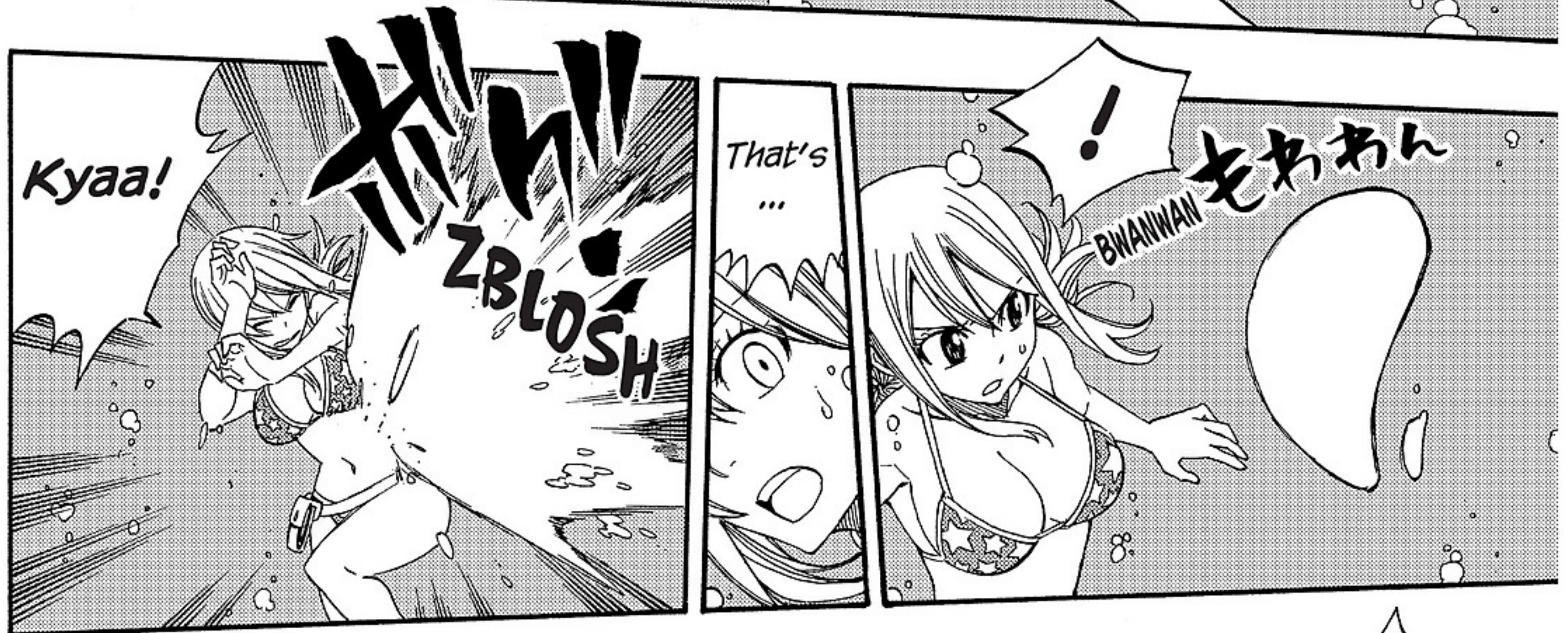
Heh
heh.



Kyaaaan
!!!

SHE WAS
AMAZING, BUT
IT'S JUST TOO
BAD!!! SHE'S OUT!!!
BUT EVEN SO,
SHE'S THIRD!!!
SIX POINTS!!!







I can't just stay and be her punching bag!



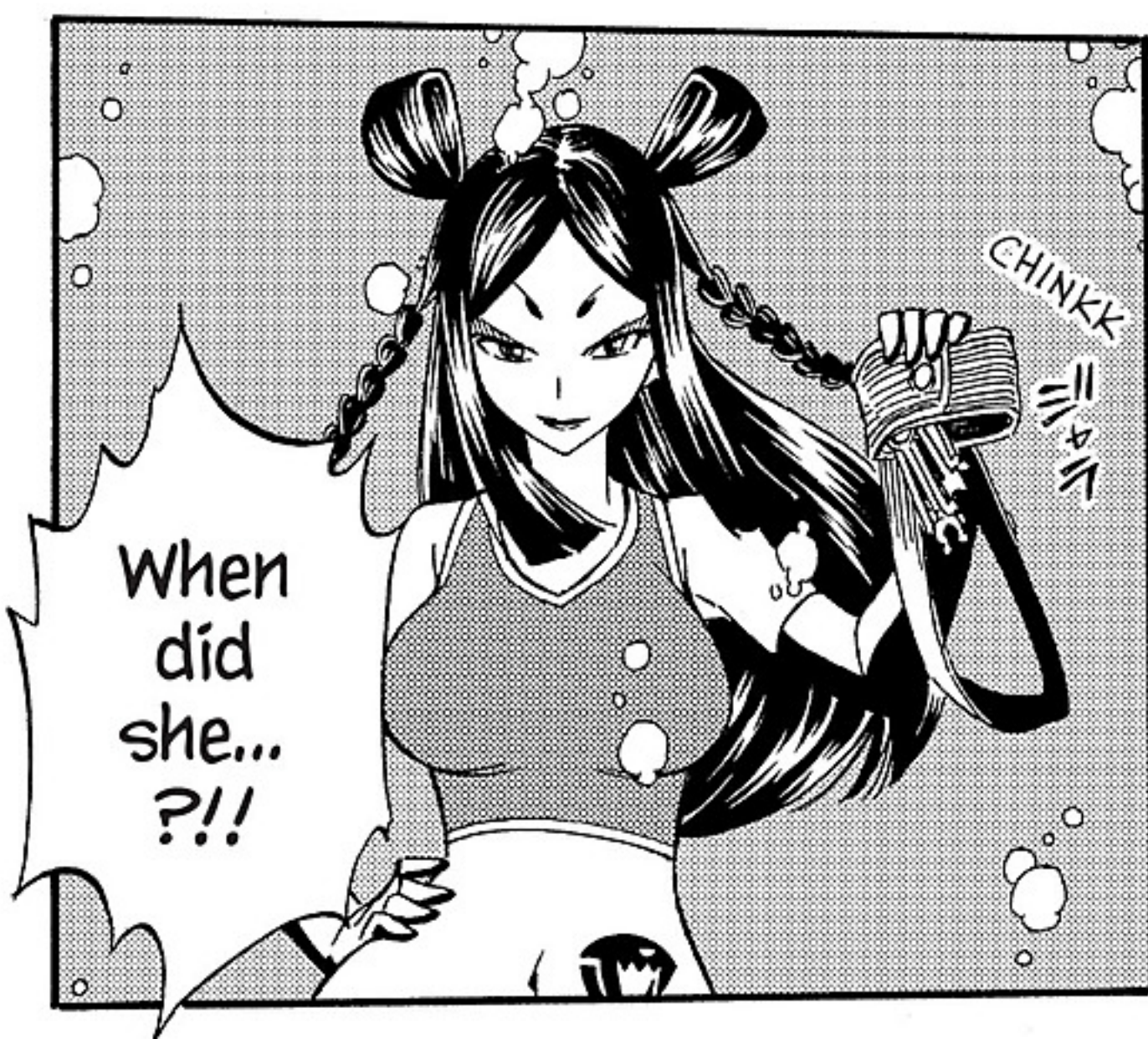
This time, it's weight...

... like it's made of lead...

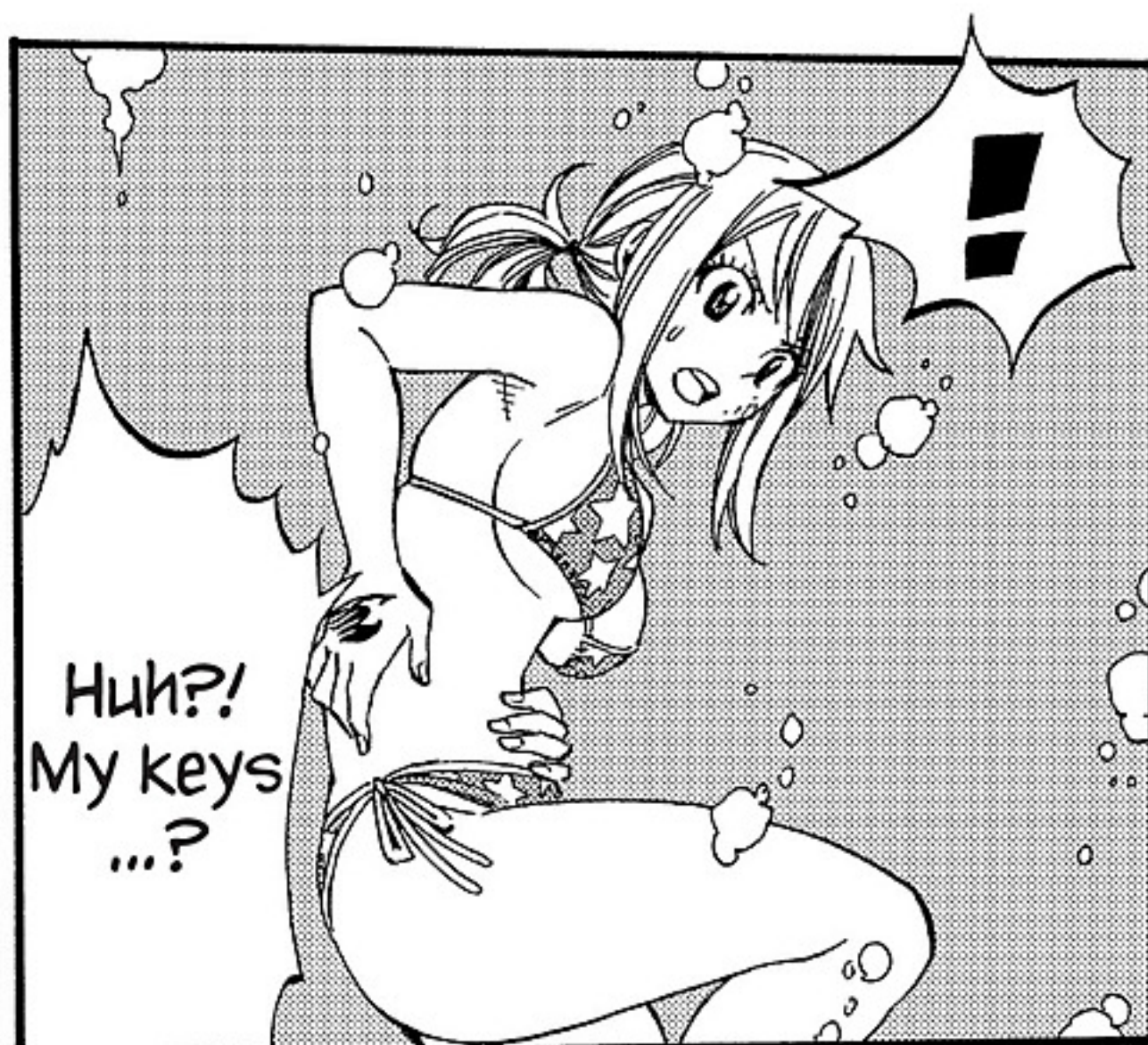


What is that woman's magic?!

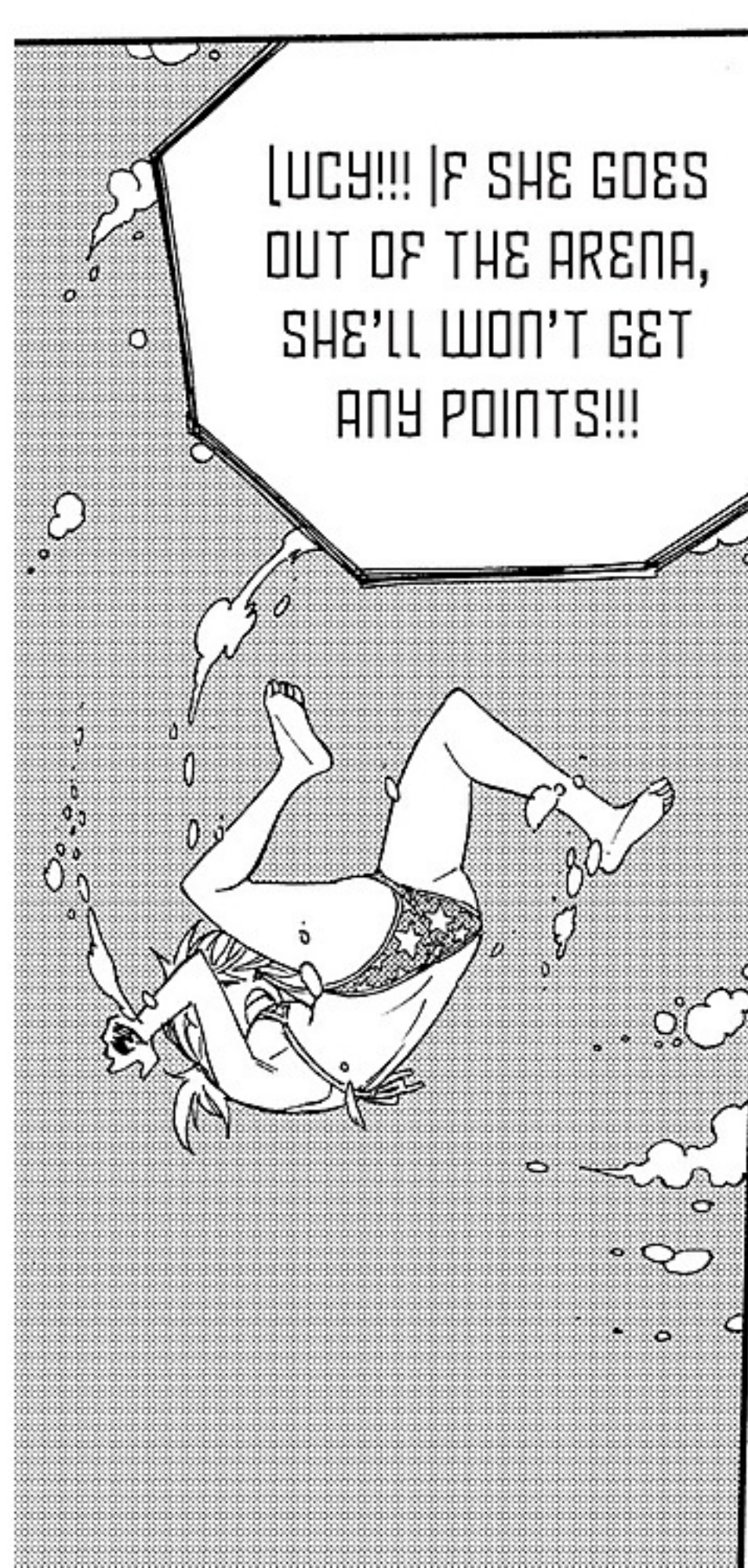
Lucy !!!



When did she... ?!!



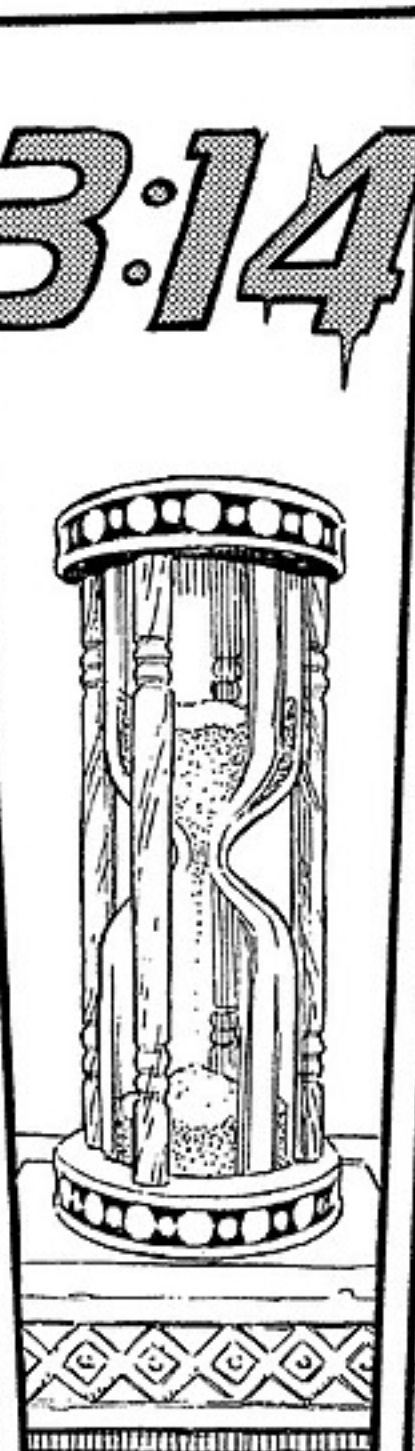
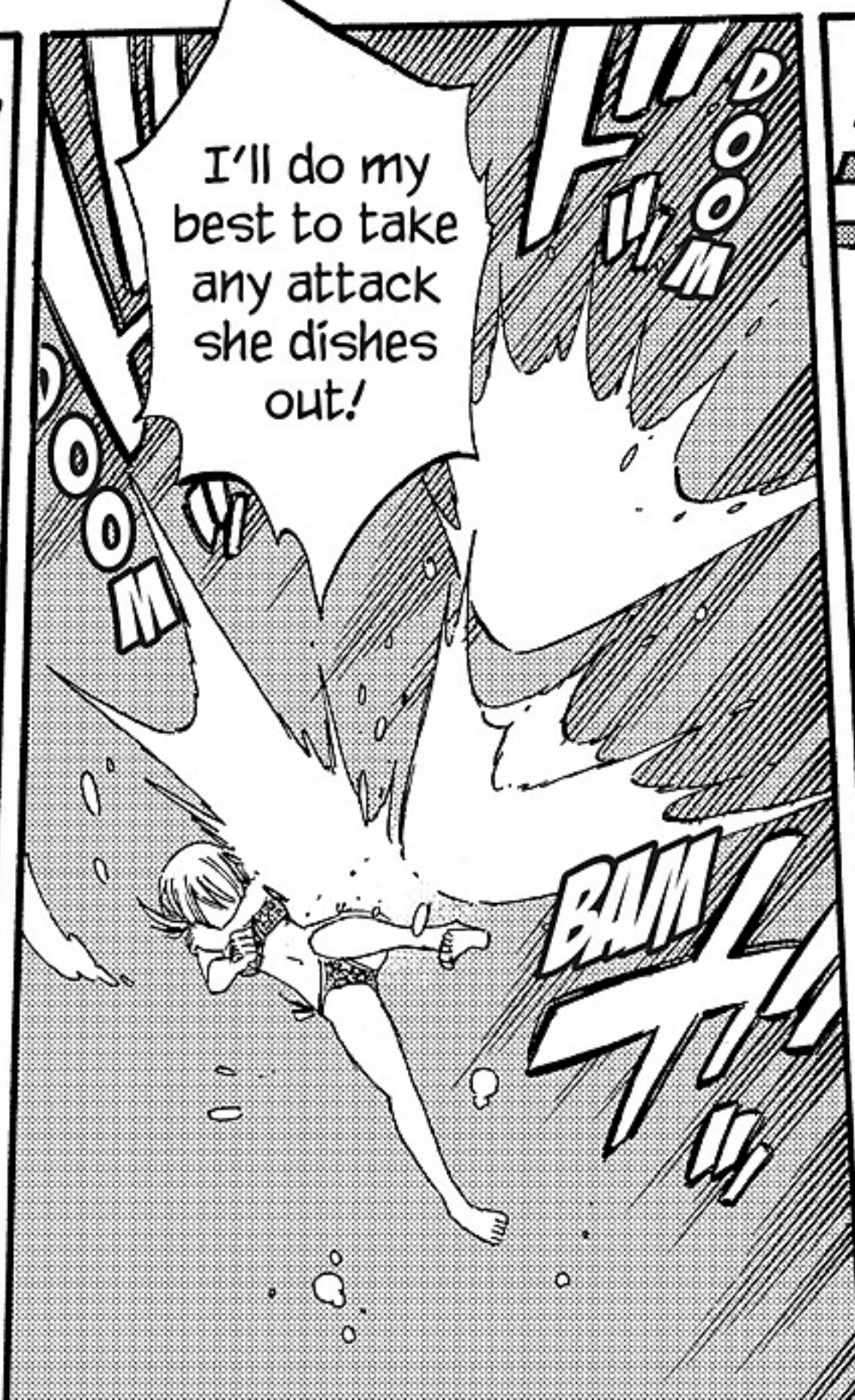
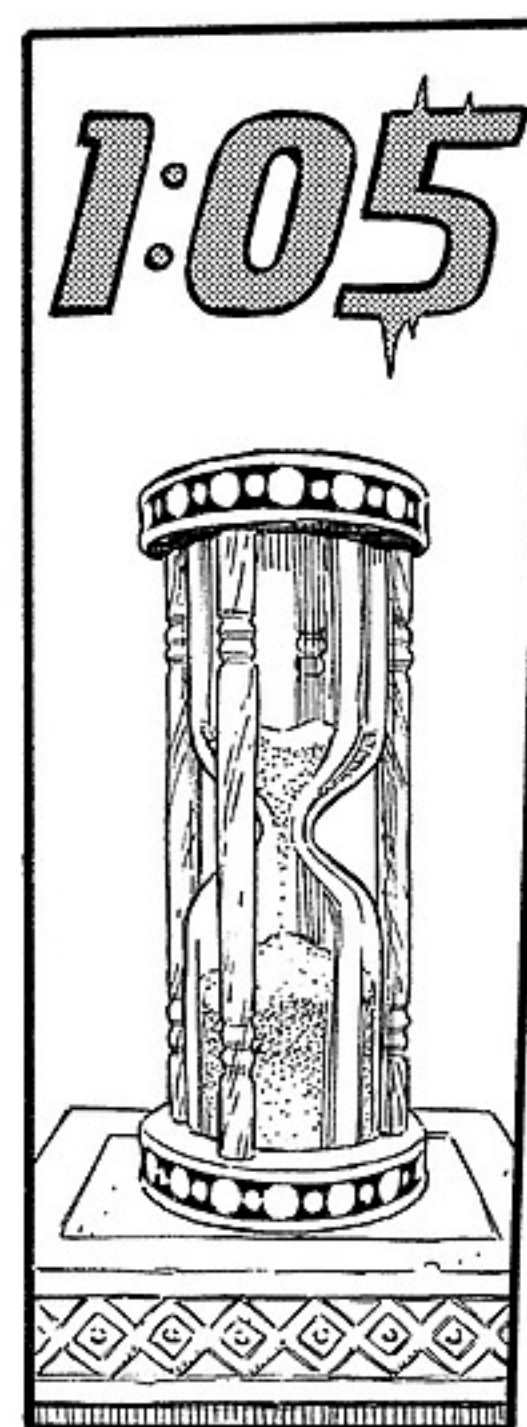
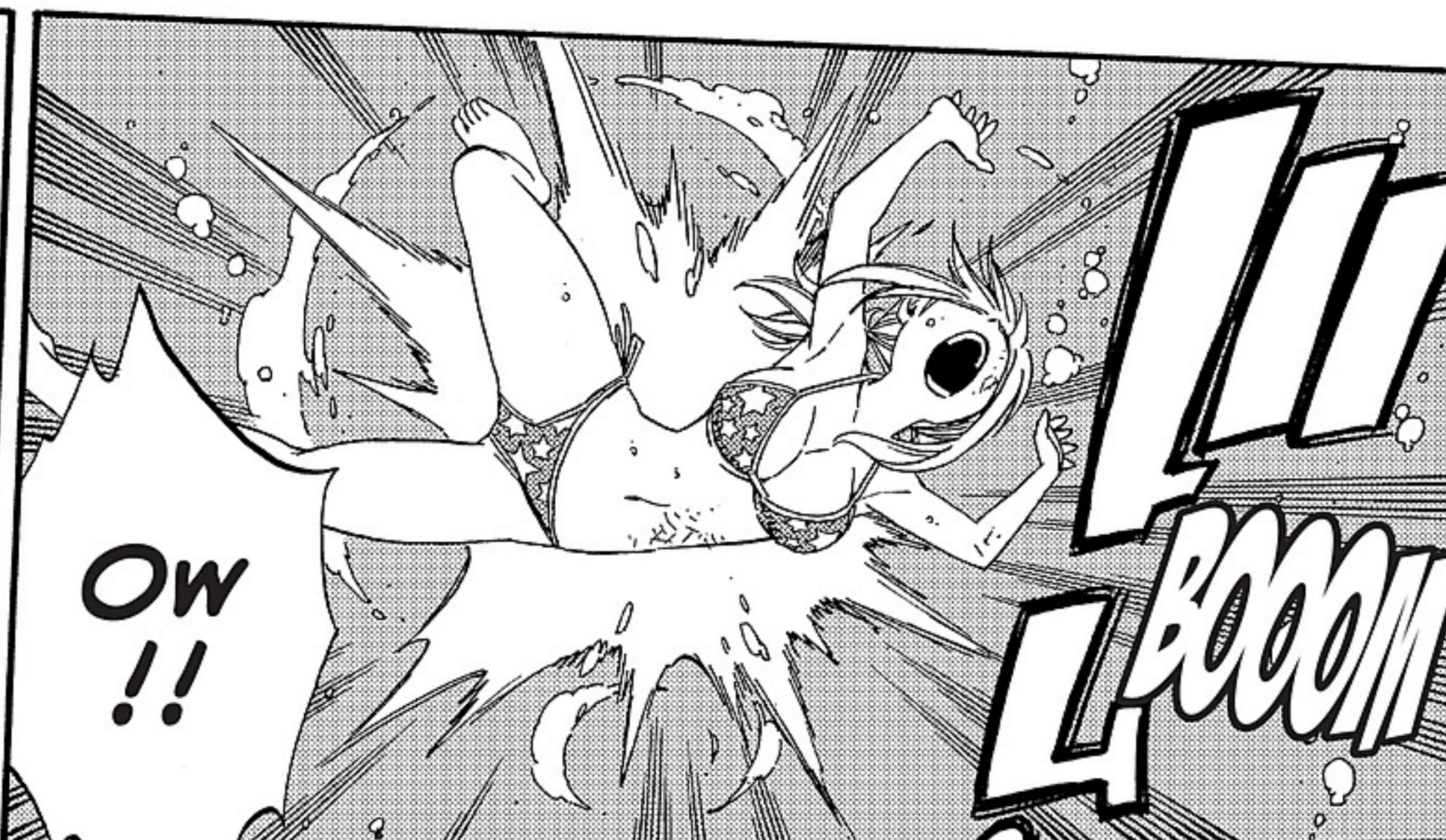
Huh?! My keys ...?

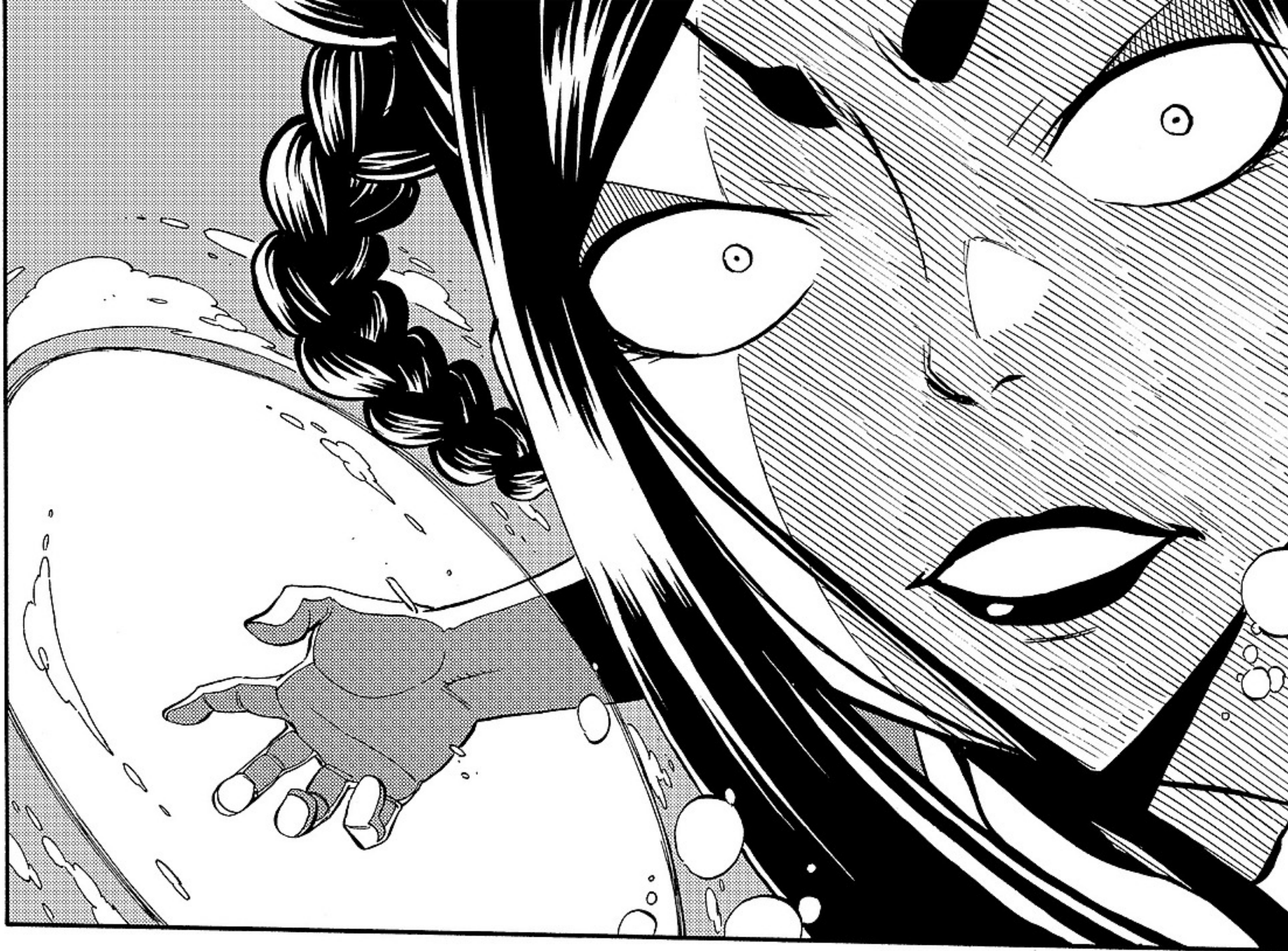


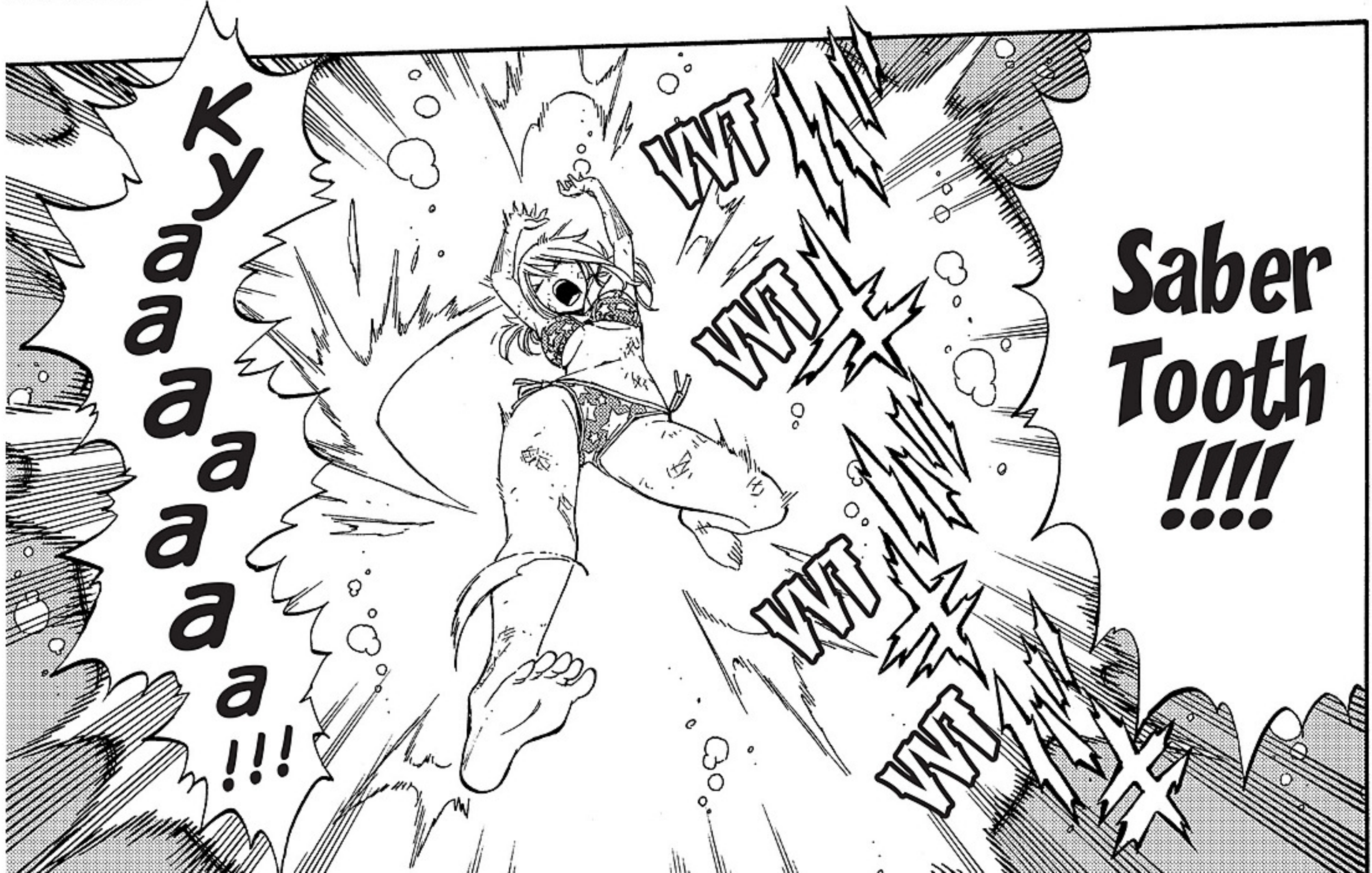
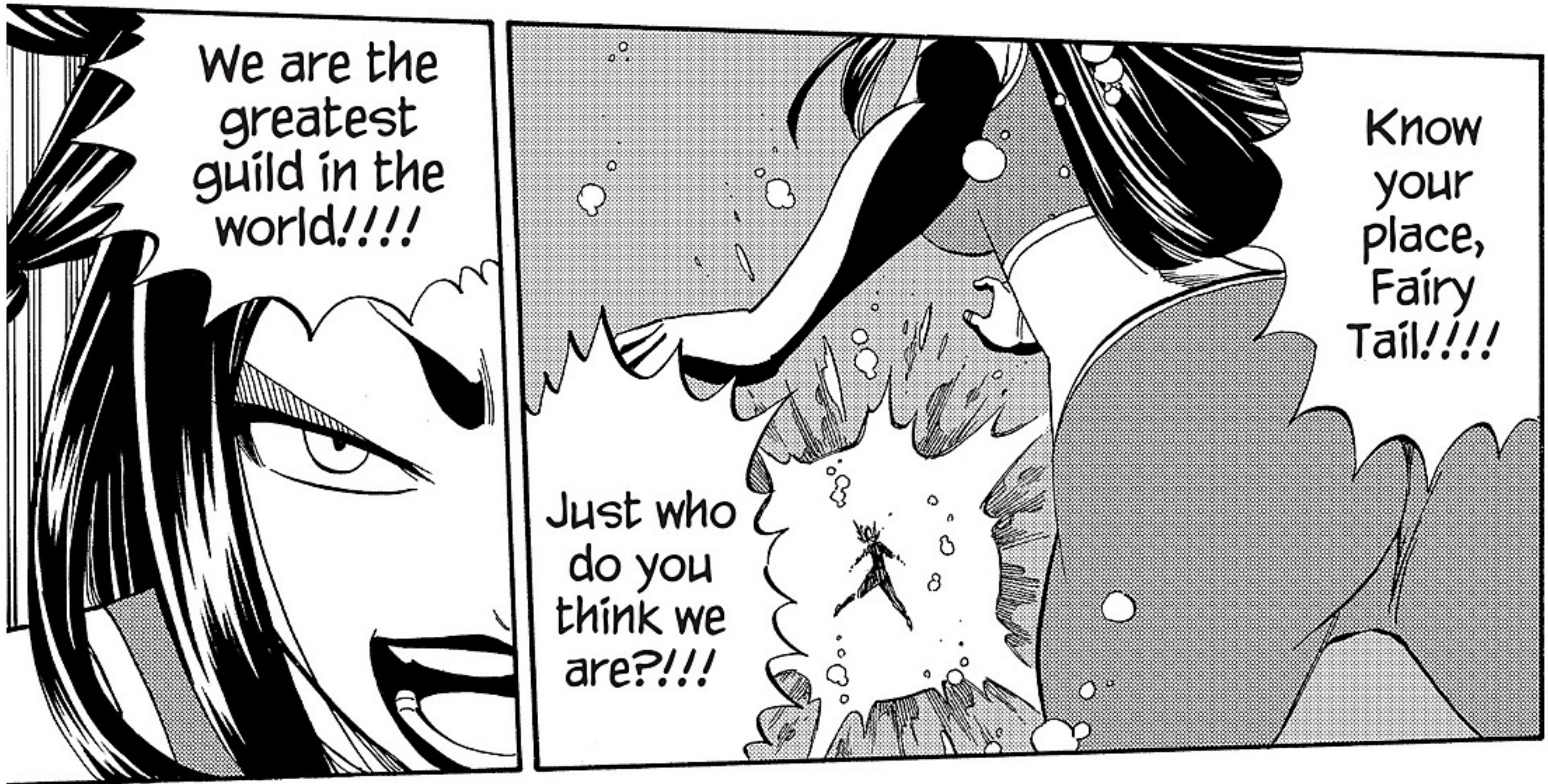
LUCY!!! IF SHE GOES OUT OF THE ARENA, SHE'LL WON'T GET ANY POINTS!!!

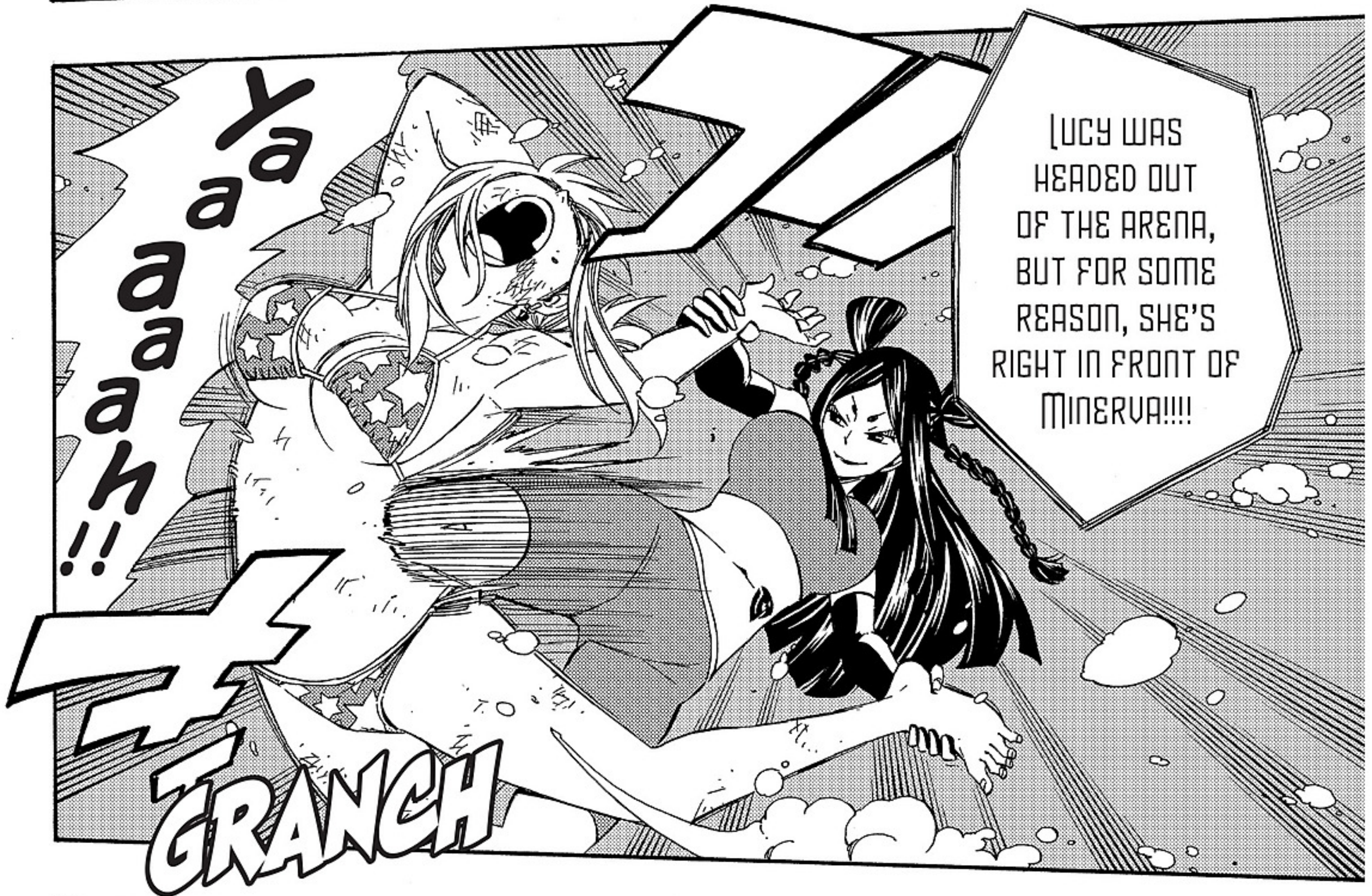
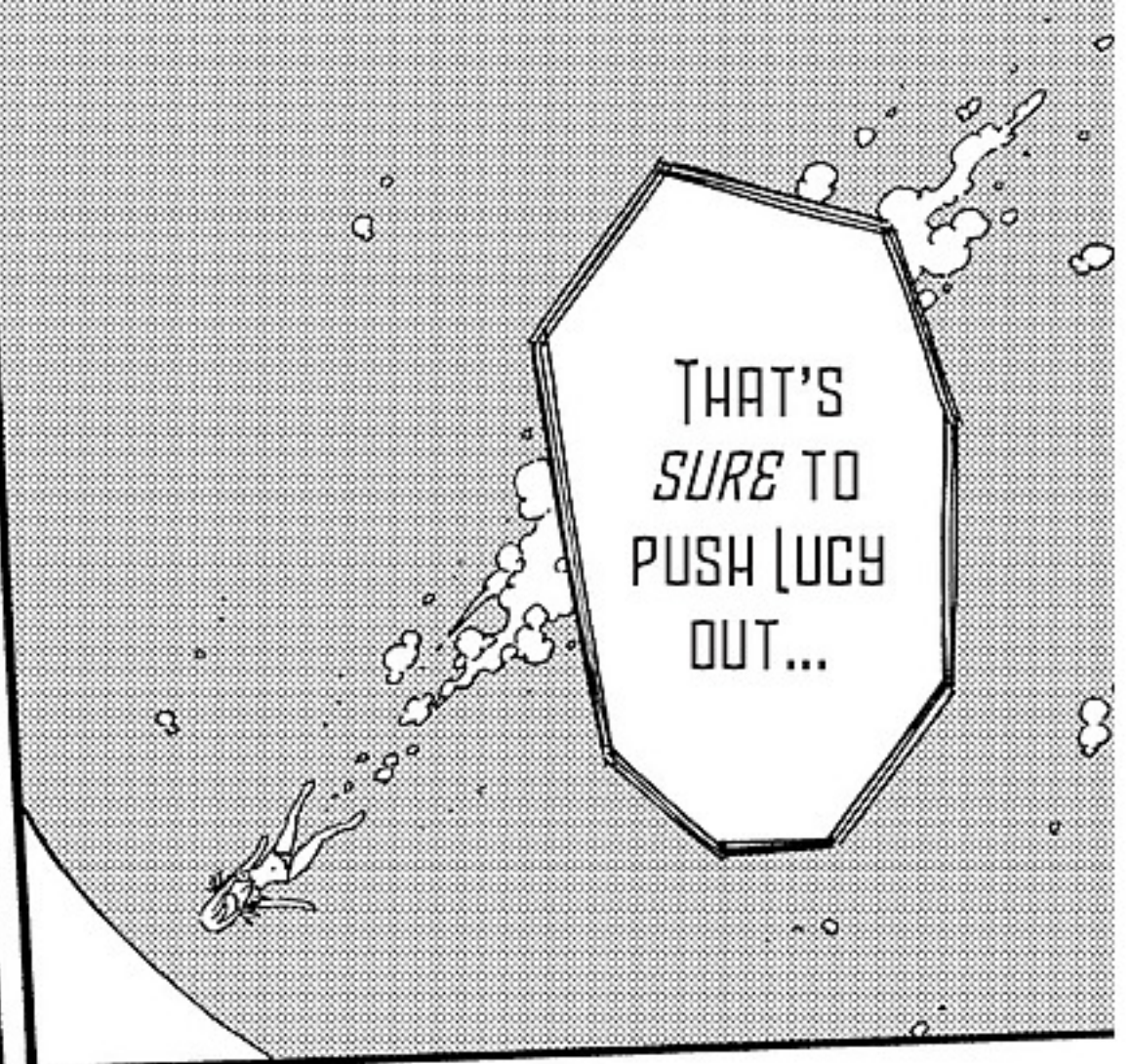
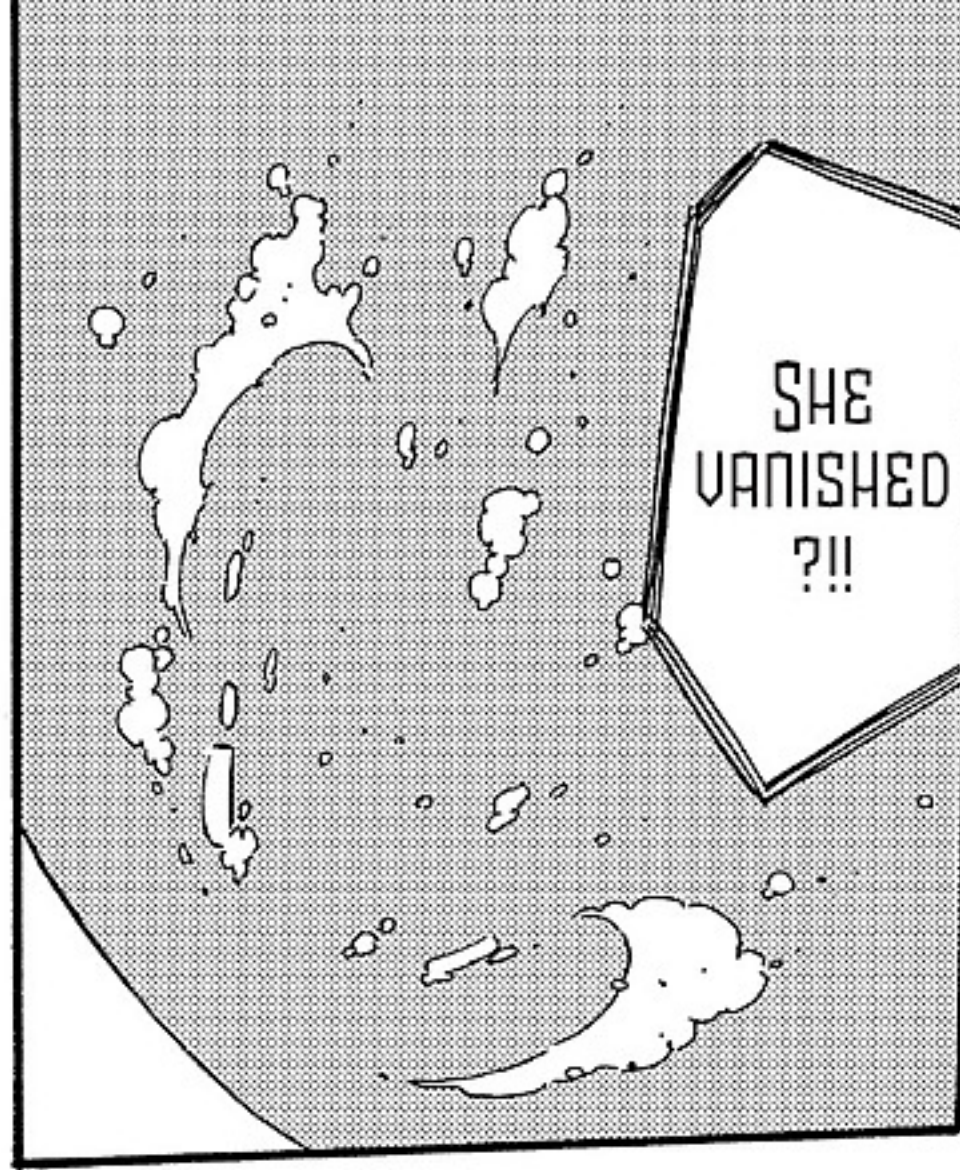


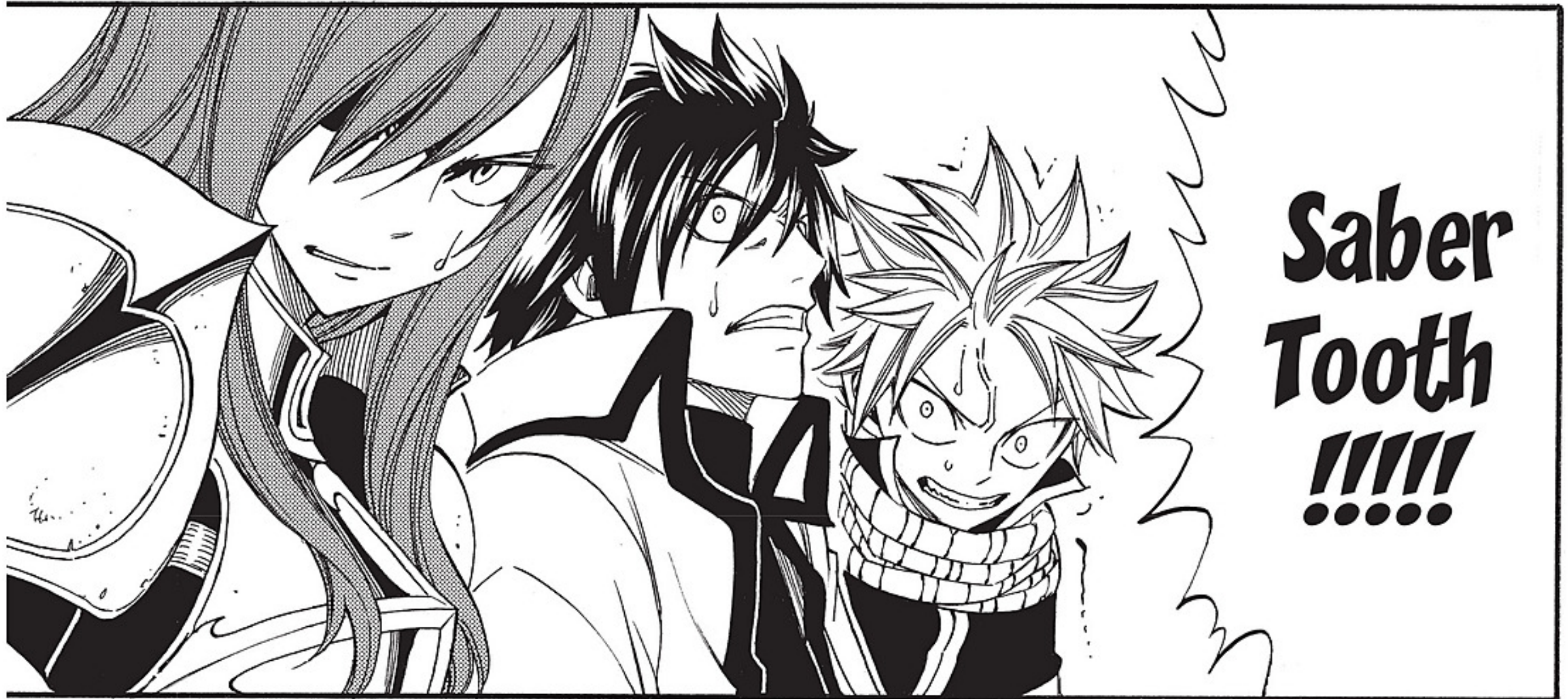
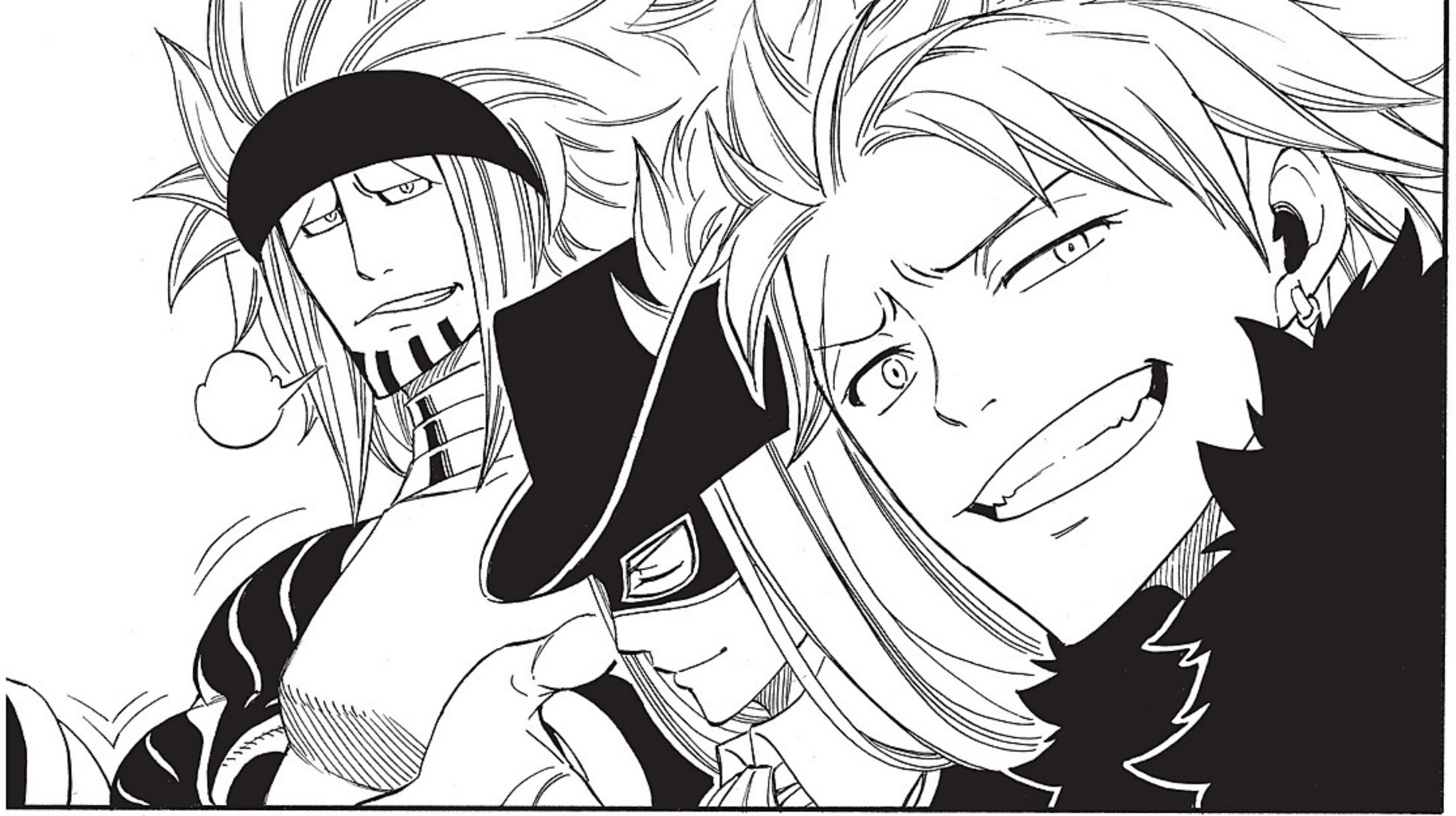
KYAAAAAAAAA!!!!

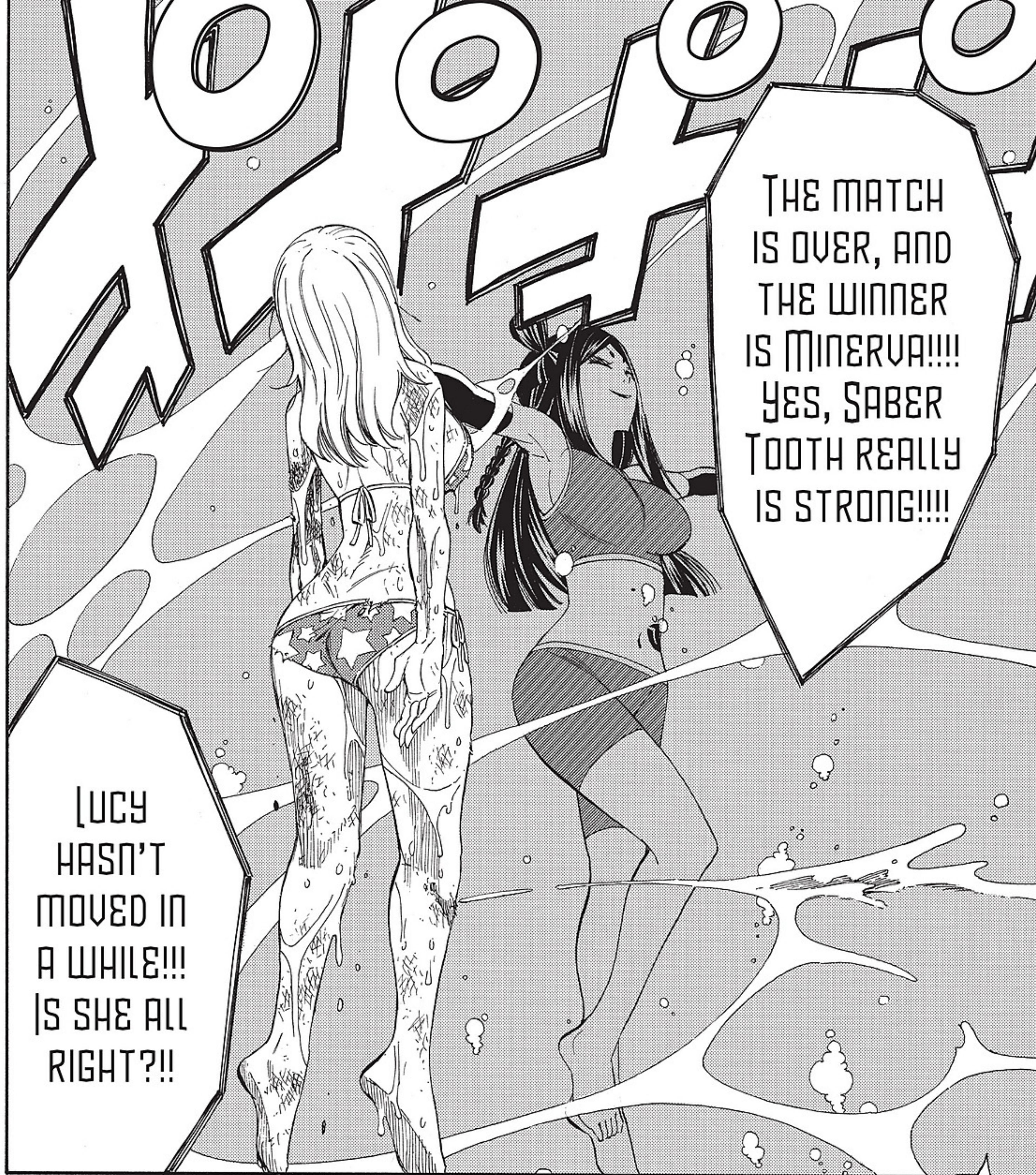






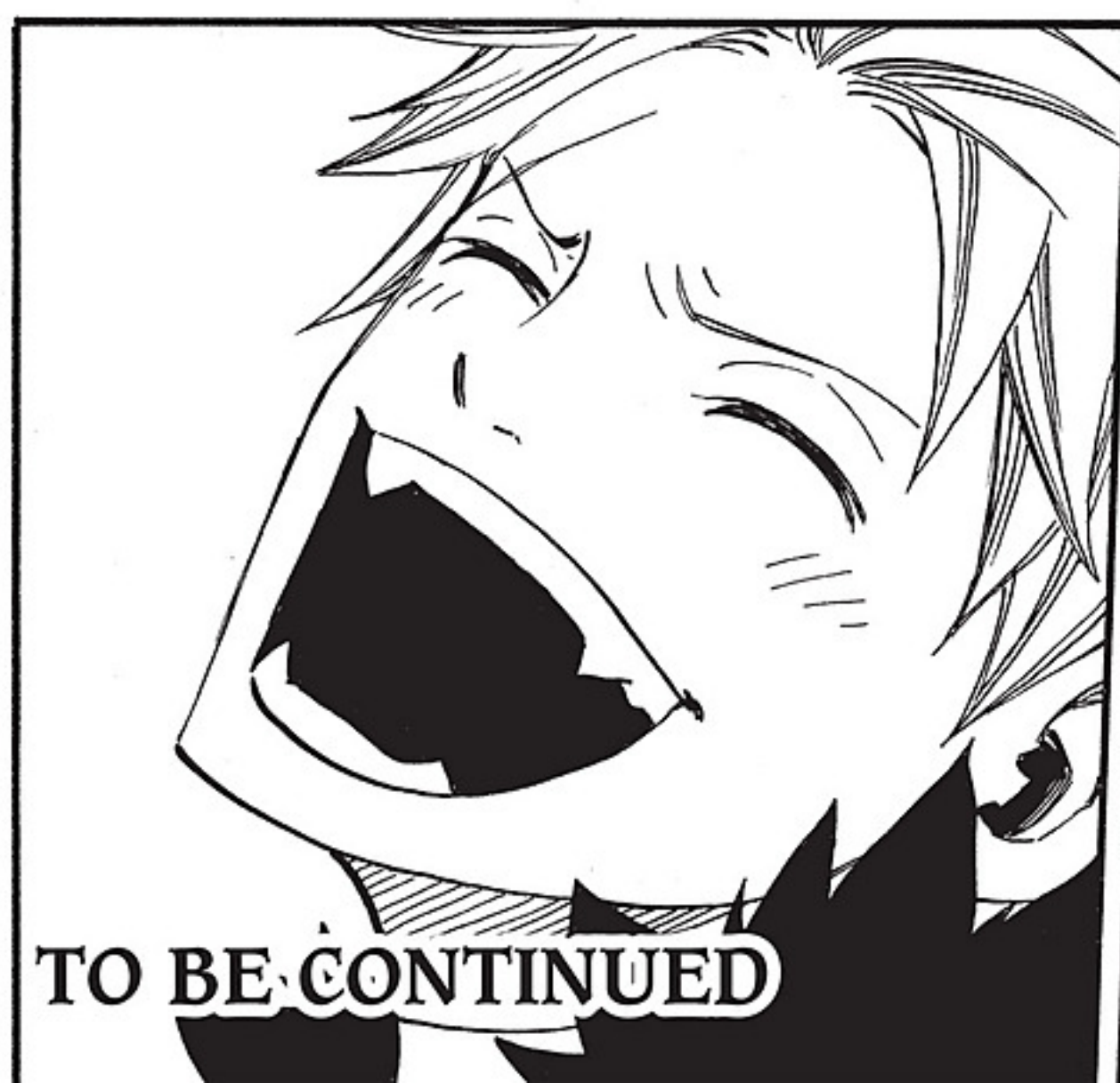






THE MATCH
IS OVER, AND
THE WINNER
IS MINERVA!!!!
YES, SABER
TOOTH REALLY
IS STRONG!!!!

LUCY
HASN'T
MOVED IN
A WHILE!!!
IS SHE ALL
RIGHT?!!



TO BE CONTINUED



Emer-
gency
!!!!

Call
out the
medics
!!!



Lucy
!!!!



Afterword

This may seem sudden, but I started a Twitter account. I've had the itch to do it for a while, but I thought that I'd have to quit it quickly, so I never tried. But thanks to a friend's recommendation, I went ahead and started it anyway. And it's really fun! I found myself in conversations with all sorts of people, including famous people, and I really started to enjoy it. My original intentions were to use it for fan service and advertisement, but it's really hard to get the timing right on big announcements. So in the end, it just became an outlet for my sketches.

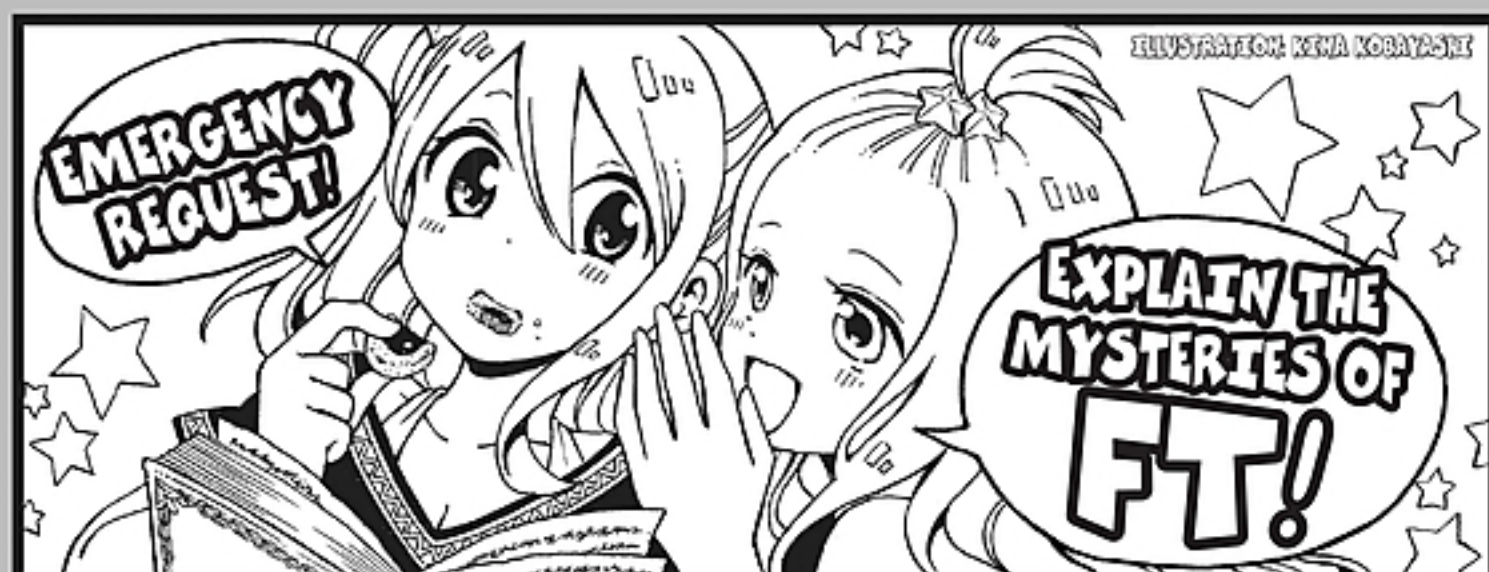
I often get the question, "Can I use your sketches as wallpaper for my screens?" You can save them, use them as wallpaper, use them as icons or for any personal reasons. I don't mind any of that. However, if you want to use them for commercial purposes, it seems there are many problems with that, so please don't use them that way.

Also one more important thing: I say you can "use sketches for your own personal use," but that is only for my sketches that I put out there personally. That doesn't mean other artists or any publishing companies feel the same way. Please be careful about that. Really, just about everything I tweet has nothing in it of any importance, but if you want to, you're welcome to follow my account. I'll happily read impressions of my work from manga fans on Twitter, but I also treasure the fan letters that I get from everybody too!

Anyway, I hope we can communicate, however you do it.

Twitter Account: @hiro_mashima

*Most tweets in Japanese.



At an outdoor café in Crocus...

Mira: Hello!

Lucy: And helhi!

Lucy: :Okay! Welcome to the question corner where Lucy makes lame jokes!!

Lucy: :It wasn't that lame!

Mira: Let's have the first question!

Are "Ancient Spells" and "Lost Magic" the same thing?



Lucy: It does seem like a hard distinction to understand.

Mira: But to be precise, they're completely different things.

Lucy: Ancient Spells are, just like the words say, magic from a long time ago.

Mira: "Lost Magic" is only one type of Ancient Spells.

Lucy: :In other words, it comes out looking like this.

Ancient Spells

Lost Magic

Dragon Slayer Magic
Arc of Time
etc.

Nirvana

Zeref's Magic

Mira: The various types of magic are all pretty complicated, so it's probably very difficult to remember.

Lucy: Next question!

Millianna showed up, but are Shô and Wally ever going to appear again?



Continued on the right-hand page.

Continued from the left-hand page.

Mira: We get that question a lot!

Lucy: But I wonder what they're doing now?

Mira: According to Millianna, they're out on a journey across the continent.

Lucy: Continuously for seven years?

Mira: A little behind-the-scenes talk, they were originally supposed to be mixed up in the Grand Magic Games too.

Lucy: But that was rejected...

Lucy: :I mean, the number of people that show up in this story is just shocking!

Lucy: : Rejected...

Mira: Now, the next question.

Did Mira-chan and Jenny know each other a long time ago?



Lucy: :Everyone who reads Sorcerer knows about that!

Mira: True. We've been friends for a long time!♥

Lucy: Come to think of it, a lot of readers may not know about other guild members who are friends with members of a different guild.

Mira: Well, I think everyone knows this already, but Erza and Ichiya (Blue Pegasus) know each other from somewhere.

Lucy: The master and Jura-san (Lamia Scale) are connected in that they're both wizard saints.

Mira: And while we're on Lamia, there's Gray and Lyon.

Lucy: Yeah, but... Those are all things that have been drawn in the main story. Are there any combinations we don't suspect?

Mira: Well...there's Droy and Araña (Mermaid Heel).



Lucy: :Whoa!! I didn't know about that! What's their relationship?

Mira: They just came across each other by coincidence during the seven years we were gone.

Lucy: Really?

Mira: And Droy fell in love at first sight!

Lucy: : Whaa?!

Lucy: :And I hear that she rejected him big time!

Lucy: Oh, no...

Mira: There are others too! Let's see... A long time ago, Max...

Lucy: If we go on, it'll just make people feel sorry for them, so let's call it a day right here!

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FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

This one looks as if she's been surprised by something, right?



Chiba Prefecture, Shiori Kake

By sending in letters or postcards, you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code, and any other information you include to the artist as-is. Please keep that in mind.



▲ That's so cute! They're holding hands!



▲ The Lucy glomping onto Gray is so cute!



▲ Laxus had a really big part this time!!



▲ A girl with way too little to do in the story. Maybe she'll have a part soon?



▲ A glittering Gray! Beautiful!



▲ Merudy! In three versions.



▲ Flare-san's following is borderline but there.



▲ Asuka-chan! Will she be a wizard when she grows up?



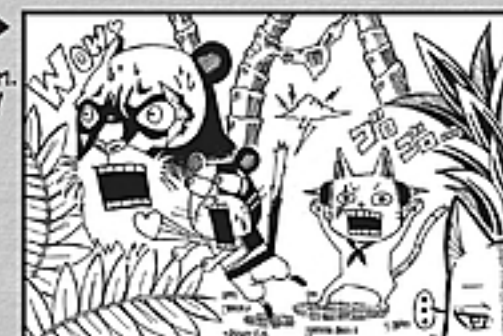
▲ I wonder if Lucy is our most interesting character?



▲ Really! What's going to happen with these three?



Happy's being a little mean. Poor Lily!



Chiba Prefecture, Tomoko Sasaki

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Ibaraki Prefecture, Tomoharu Terasako



▲ U-Urk... Yes, it's yours...

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

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FROM HIRO MASHIMA



Volume 34!! In one more volume, this will match the entire run of my previous series. Huh? When I began Fairy Tail, I distinctly remember saying, "I plan on ending this at about ten volumes..." But when I wasn't looking, it got to a point where it's going to easily outdistance my previous work. Hmm... What'll I do? There are so many things I still want to do with Fairy Tail.

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

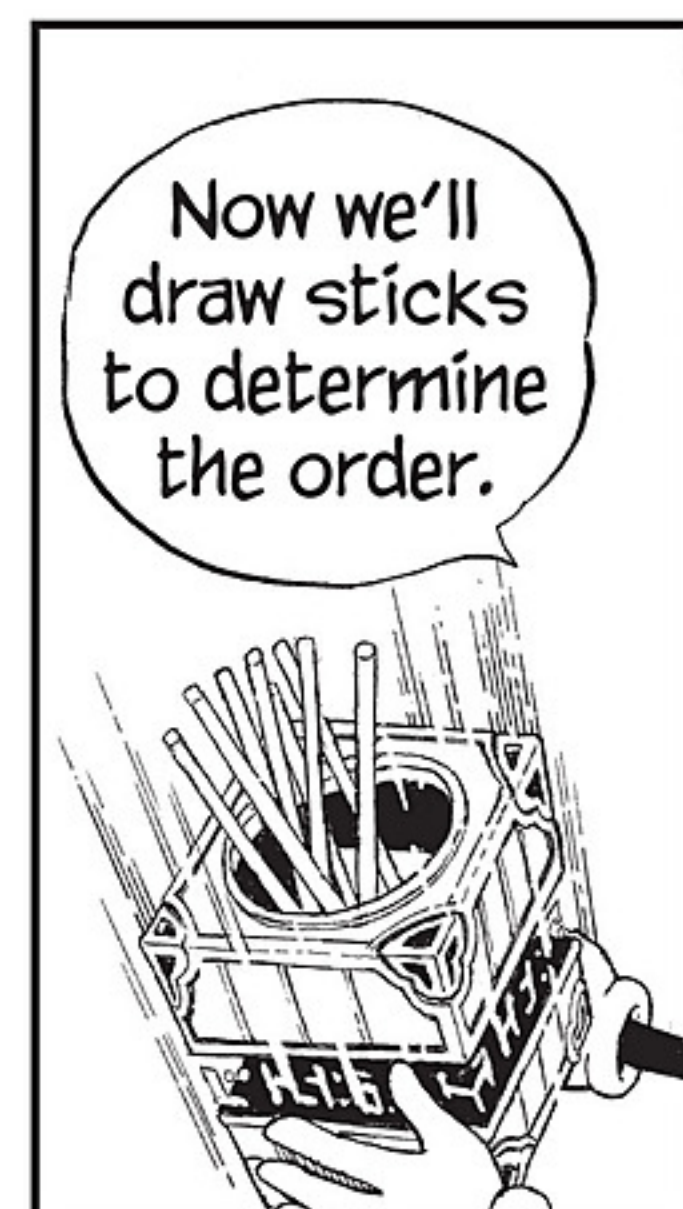
Page 33, Numbers games

There is a type of game played in Japan where two or more people take turns to count up to a particular number. They can count all or some of the numbers within a limited range, then pass off their turn to the next person. When someone is forced to count the target number, that person loses. For example, were the rules to say that the target number is "30," and the players have a range of three numbers, the first player would count, either one, two, or three. Let's say the first player counts to two. Then the next player would start at "three" and count, "three," "three, four," or "three, four, five." Assuming the second player stopped at "five," the next player would start at "six" and so on. When the counting approaches the mid-twenties, one must strategize how many numbers to state so one is not put in a position to say the number "thirty." Pandemonium is similar to a numbers game because one chooses a number of monsters to fight, and then passes the turn on to the next player.



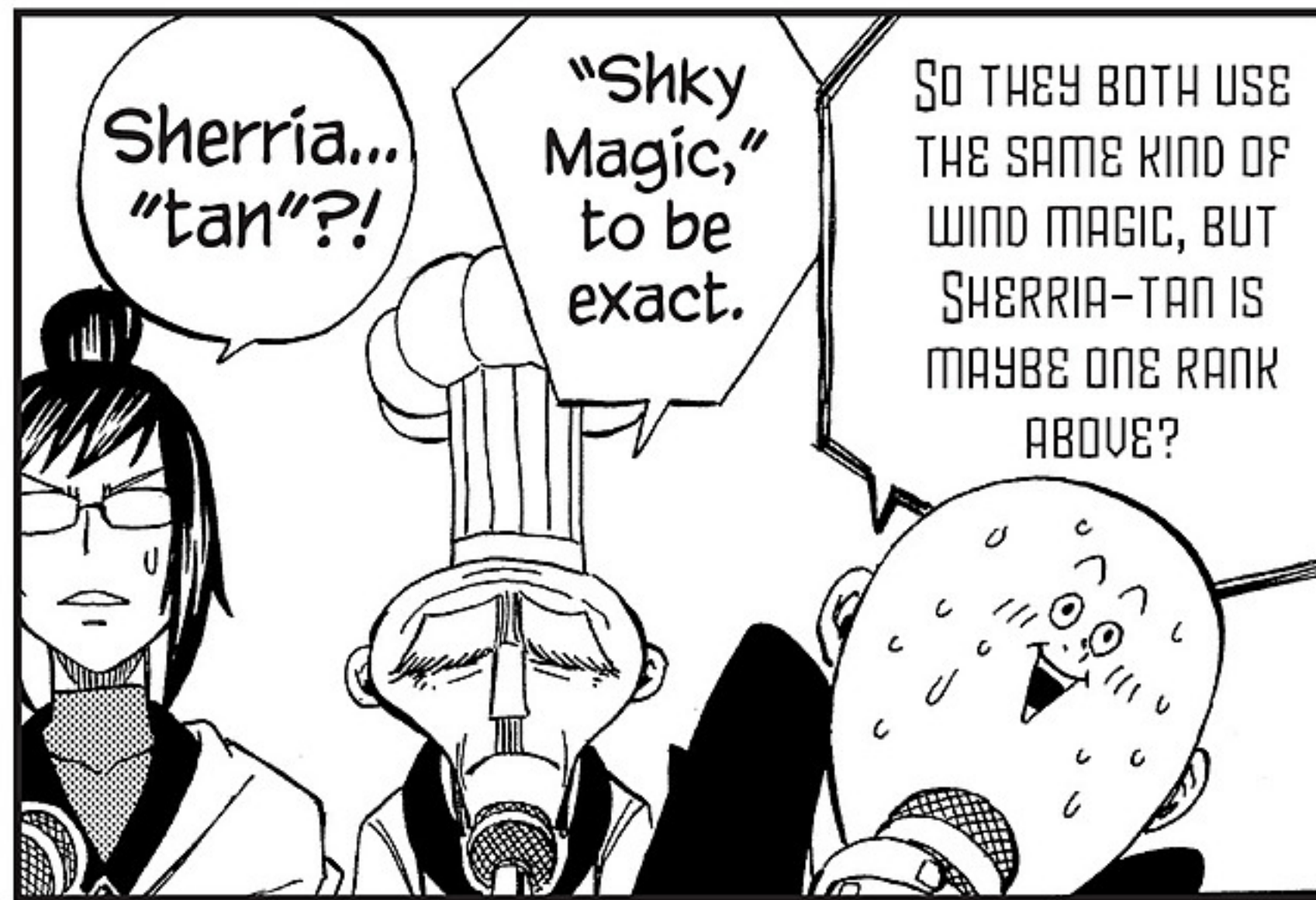
Page 35, Lottery stick

This is a common way of "drawing straws" in Japan, although the sticks have a wider variety of outcomes than the single broken straw that the game has in the west. It is usually done with a large number of sticks, all inside a wooden box that is completely closed off except for a single hole just big enough to allow a single stick through. The sticks are shaken and mixed, and then one is allowed to drop through the hole. Each stick has a number or code on it, and the code correlates to some prize or outcome. This version of lottery is most commonly used in temples and shrines for drawing fortunes. When the stick is drawn, the person who runs the lottery checks the numbers or codes and retrieves a printed fortune that corresponds to what is written on the stick.



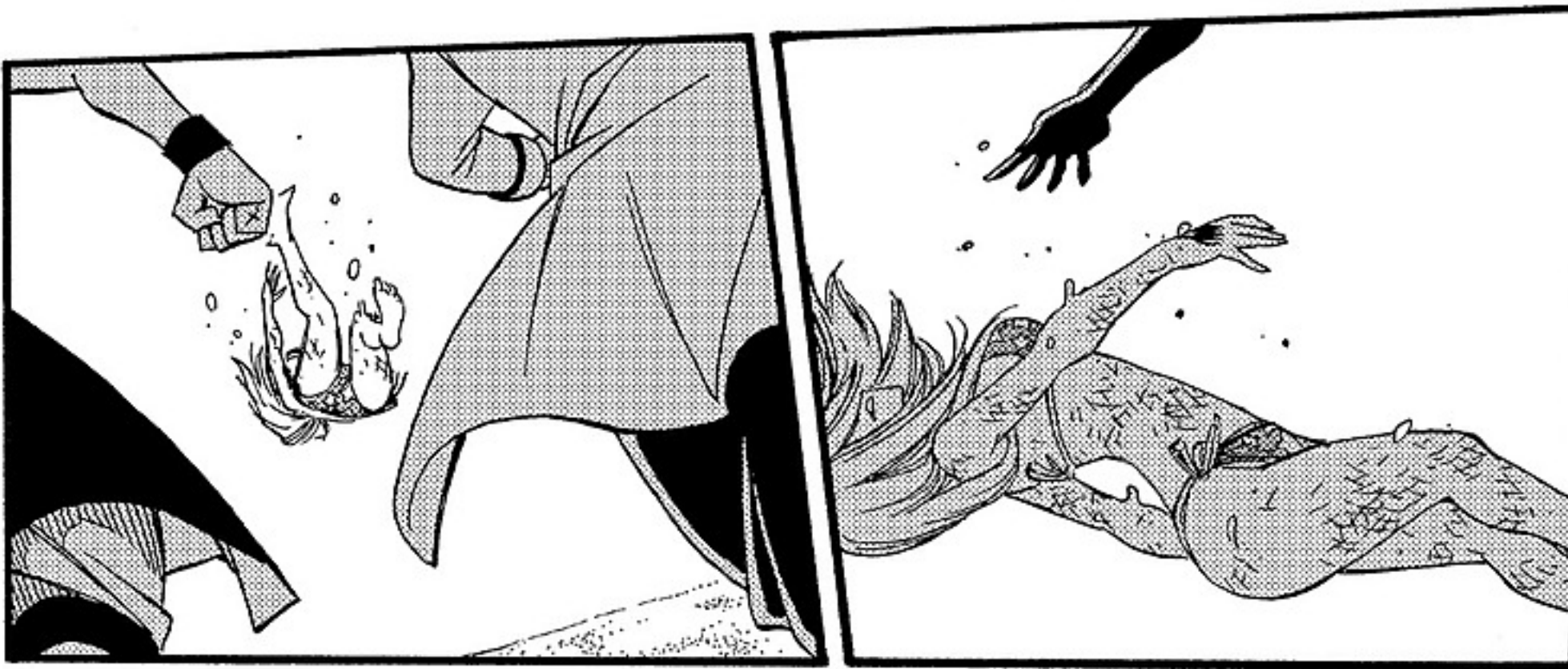
Page 114, -tan

This is basically a mispronunciation of the honorific, "-chan," that is normally used by young girls of about high-school or middle-school age to refer to each other or to their friends. However, it has also been used by idols who call themselves by that honorific because it is considered cute, and that has been picked up by the fans of those idols. Since then the honorific has spread until it is now fairly commonly heard in conversation and in the media. However, it still contains the nuance that it should be used by girl of high-school or middle-school age, so when a middle-aged man like Chapati uses, "-tan," a more "normal" person like Yajima or Lahar might be taken aback by the usage.



Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 35

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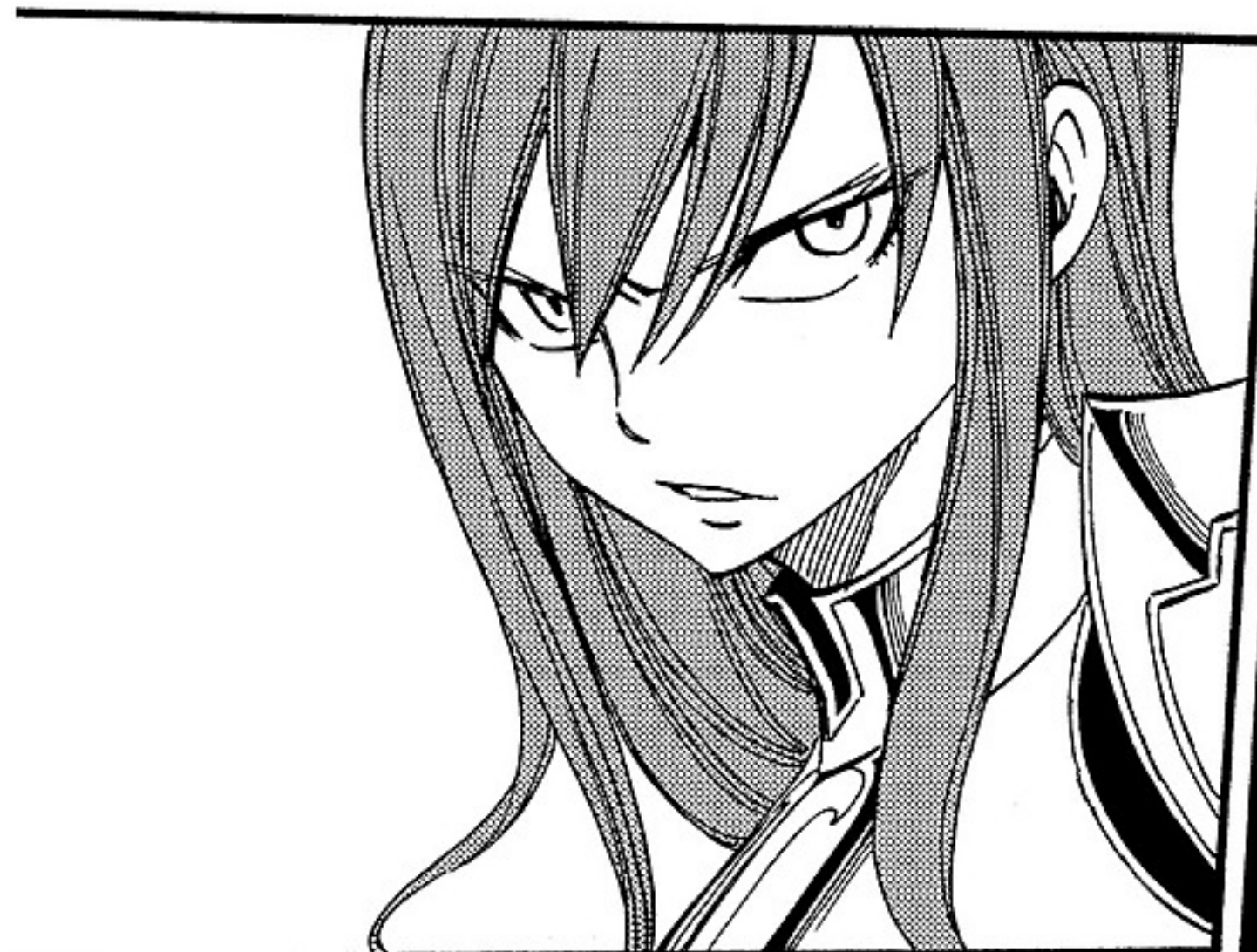


No, I should go in first and do some healing!

Hurry, get Lucy-sama to the infirmary!!

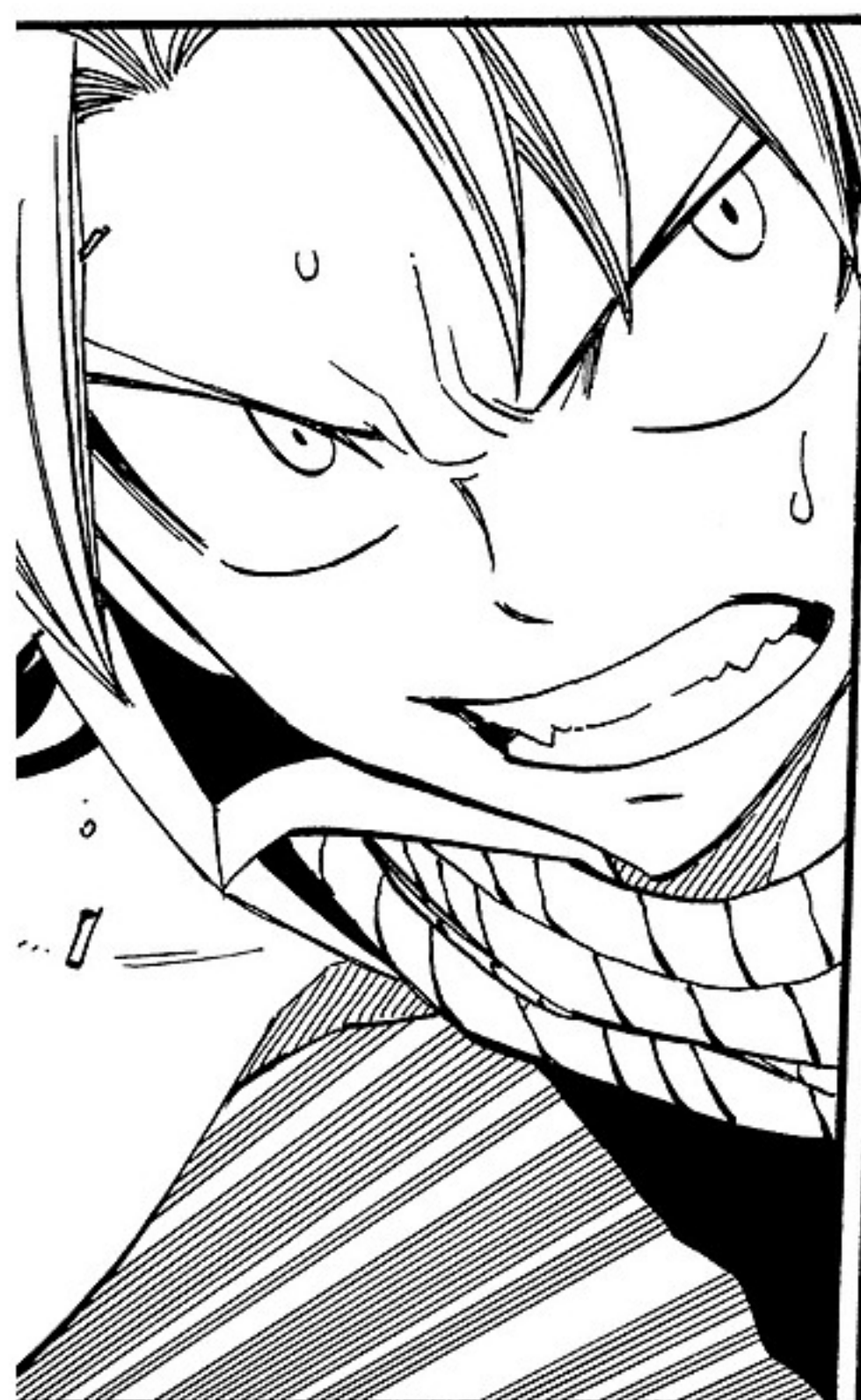
Are you all right?! Speak to me!

What does that jerk think she's doing?!!



Lucy! Hang in there!

I'll help!



Frankly, I believe you should *thank* me. I allowed you to attain second position...



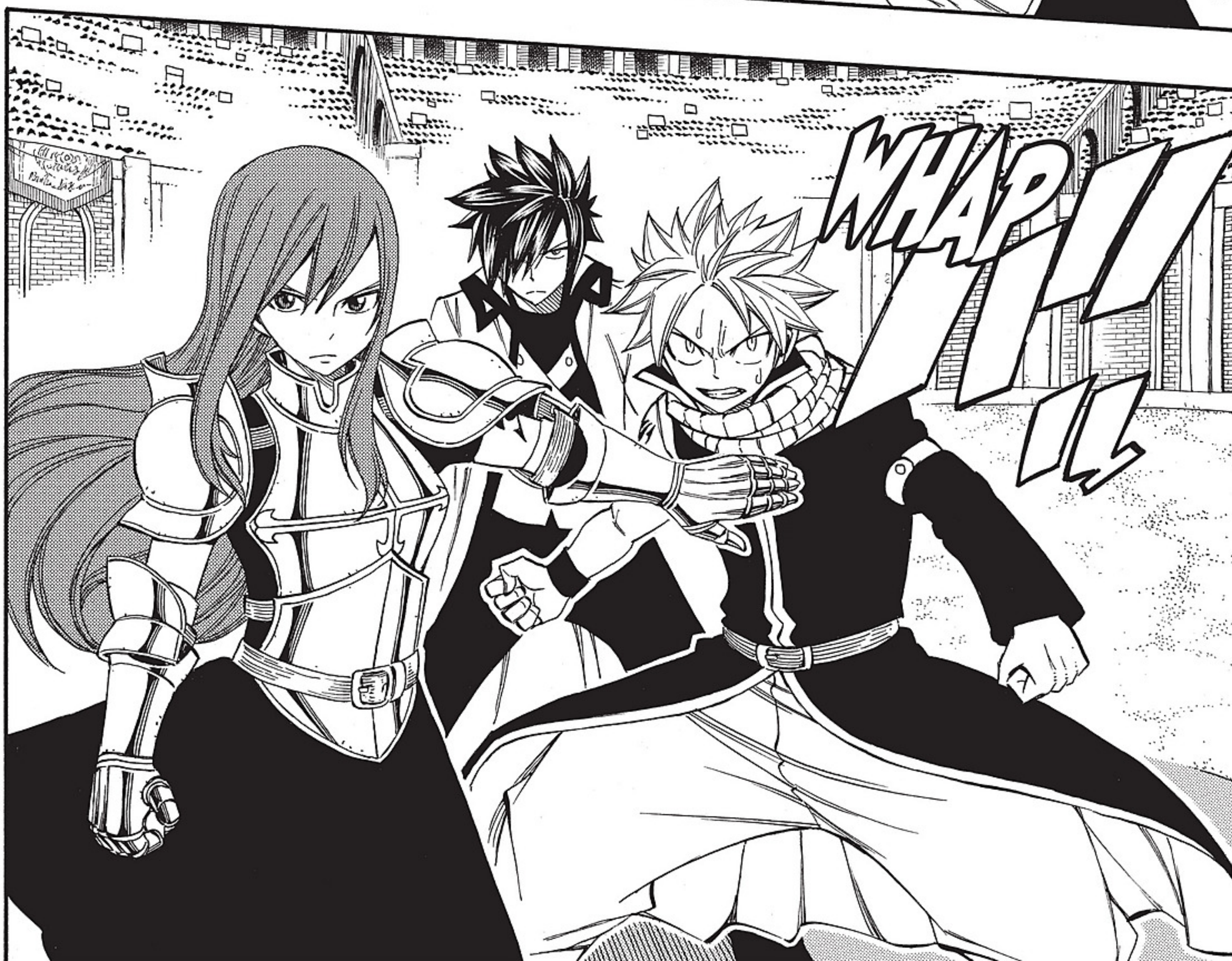
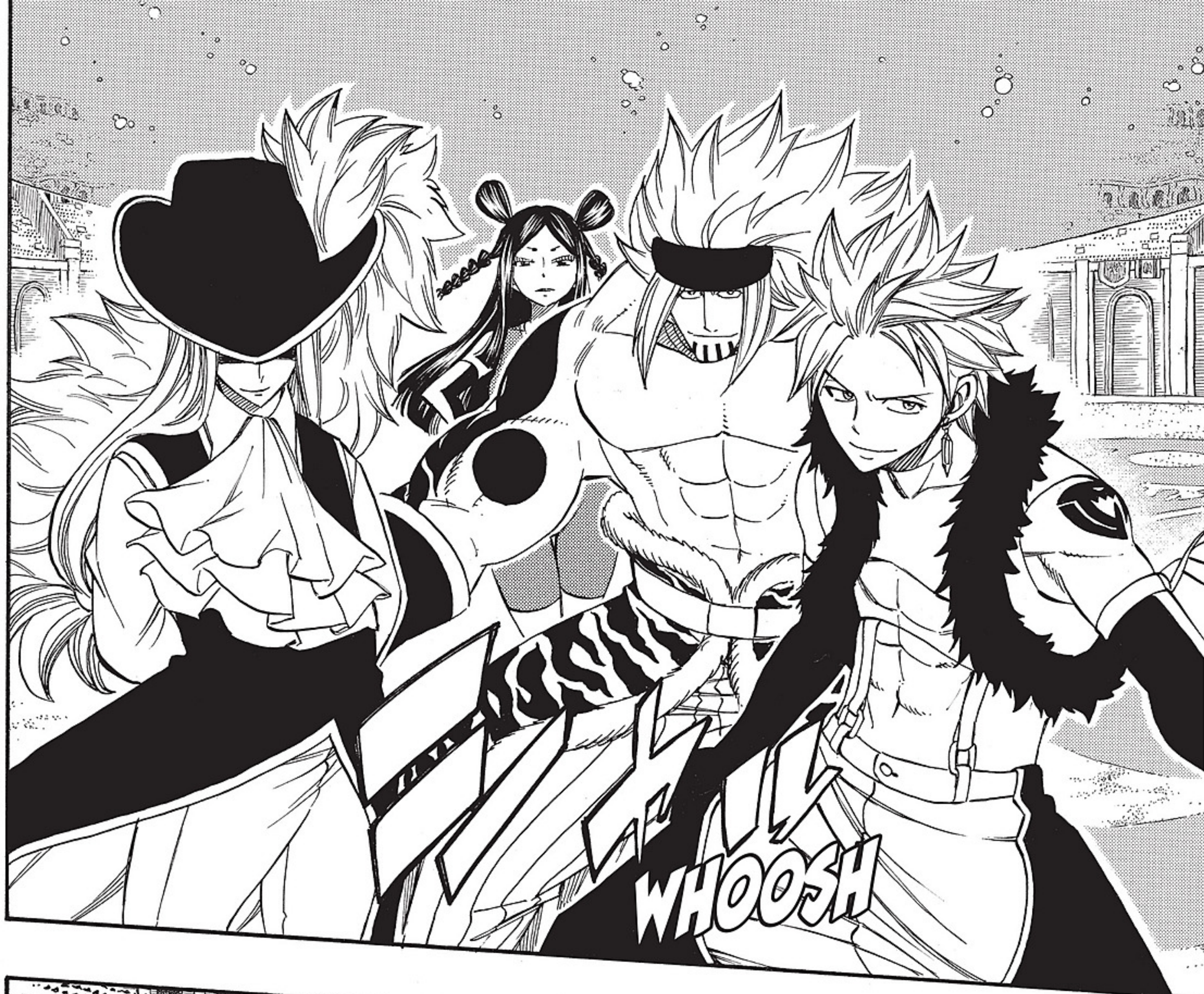
...even with that worthless trash woman of yours.



I simply followed the rules of the match.

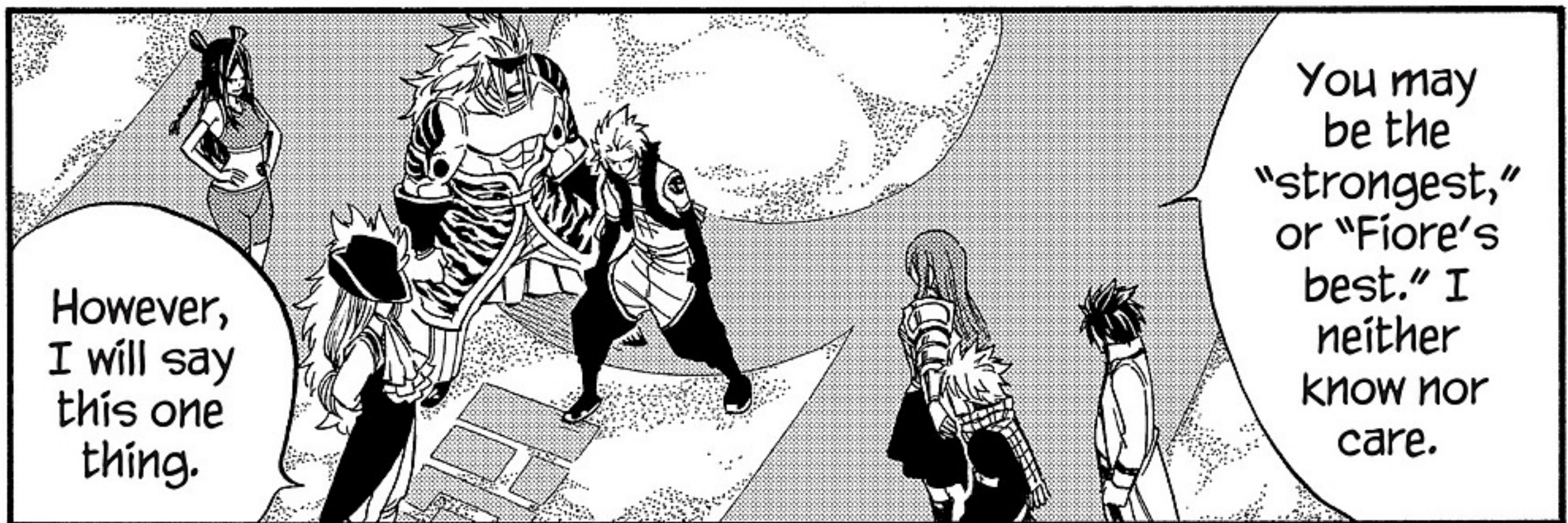
Why do you look at me that way?

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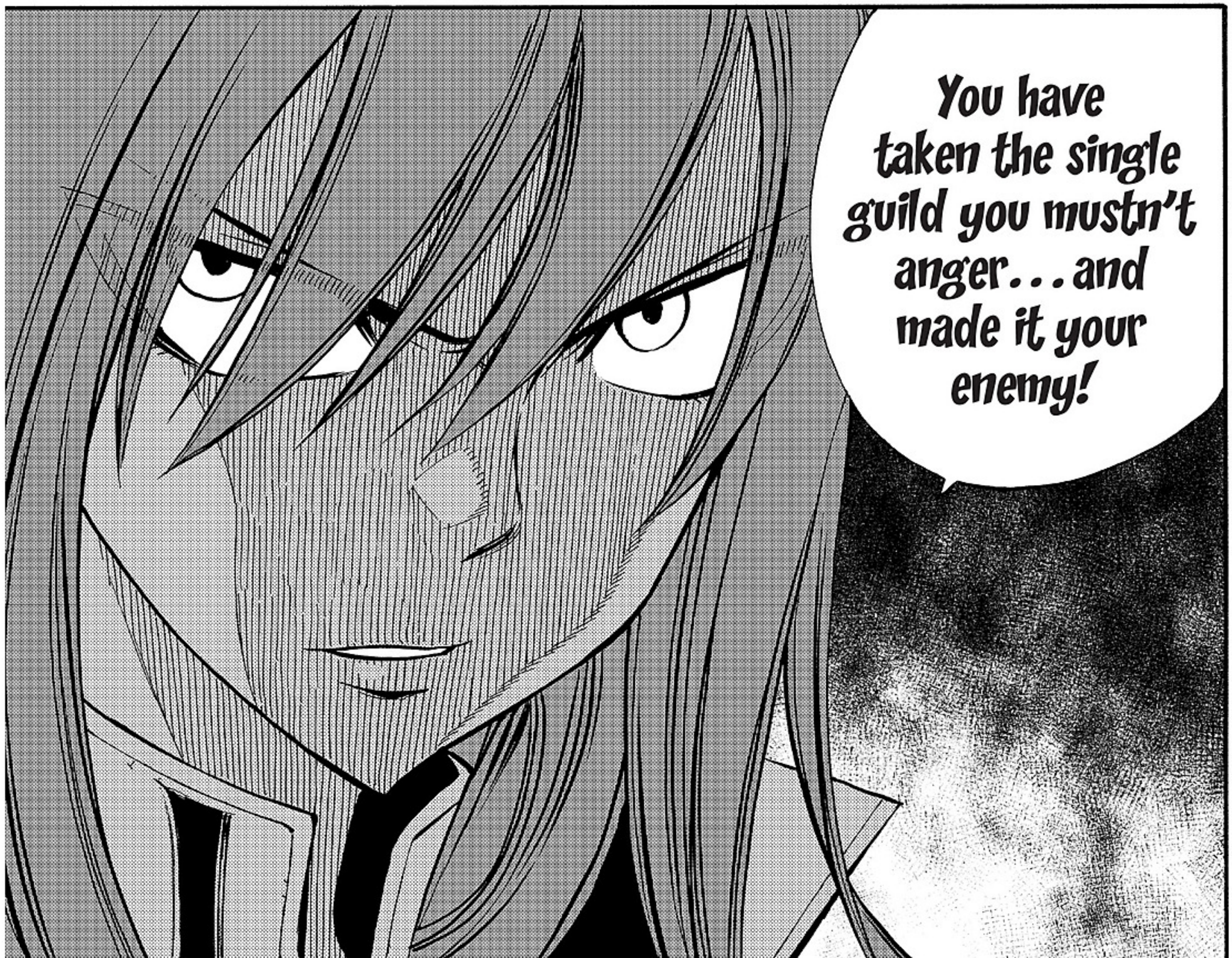


WHOA! BOTH TEAMS
LOOK LIKE THEY'RE A
HAIR'S WIDTH FROM
AN ALL-OUT BATTLE!!!!

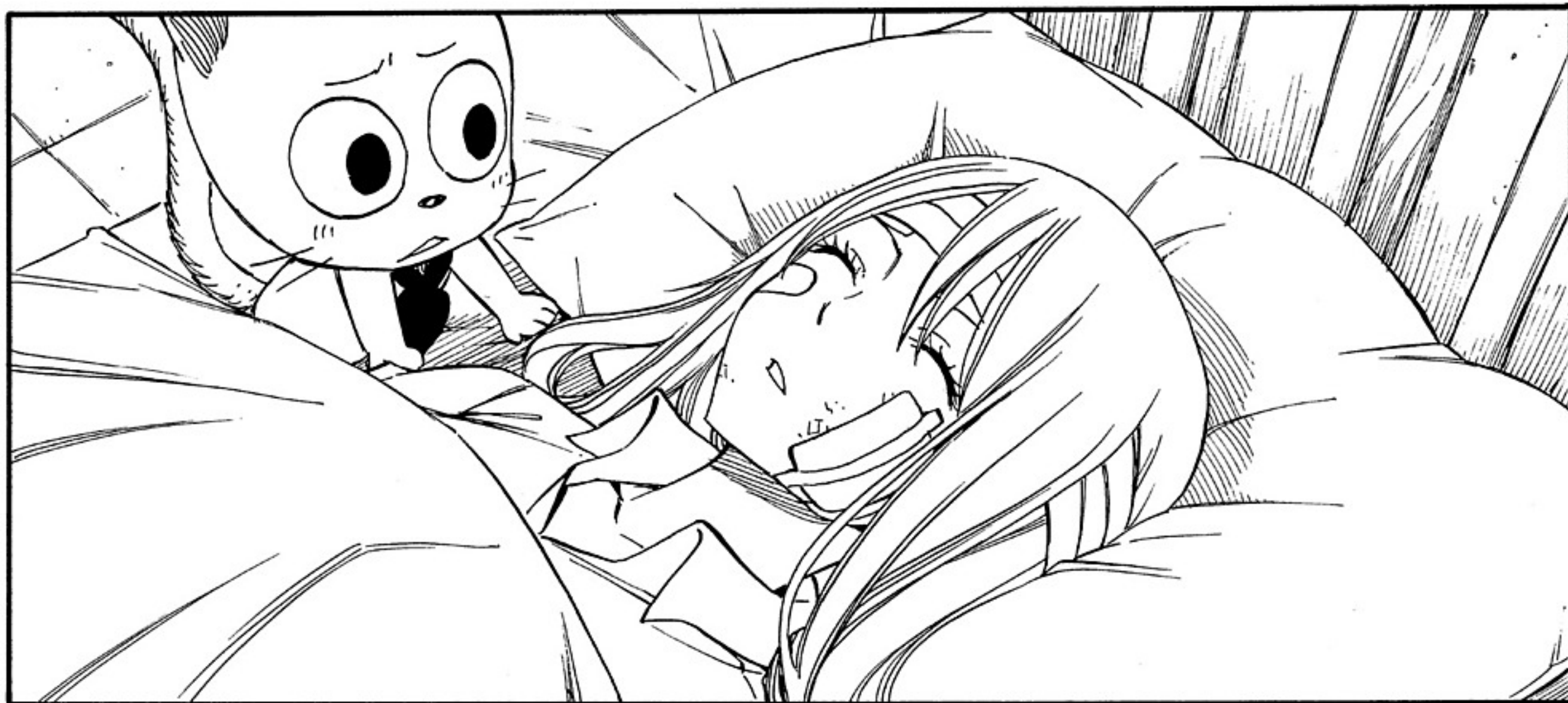
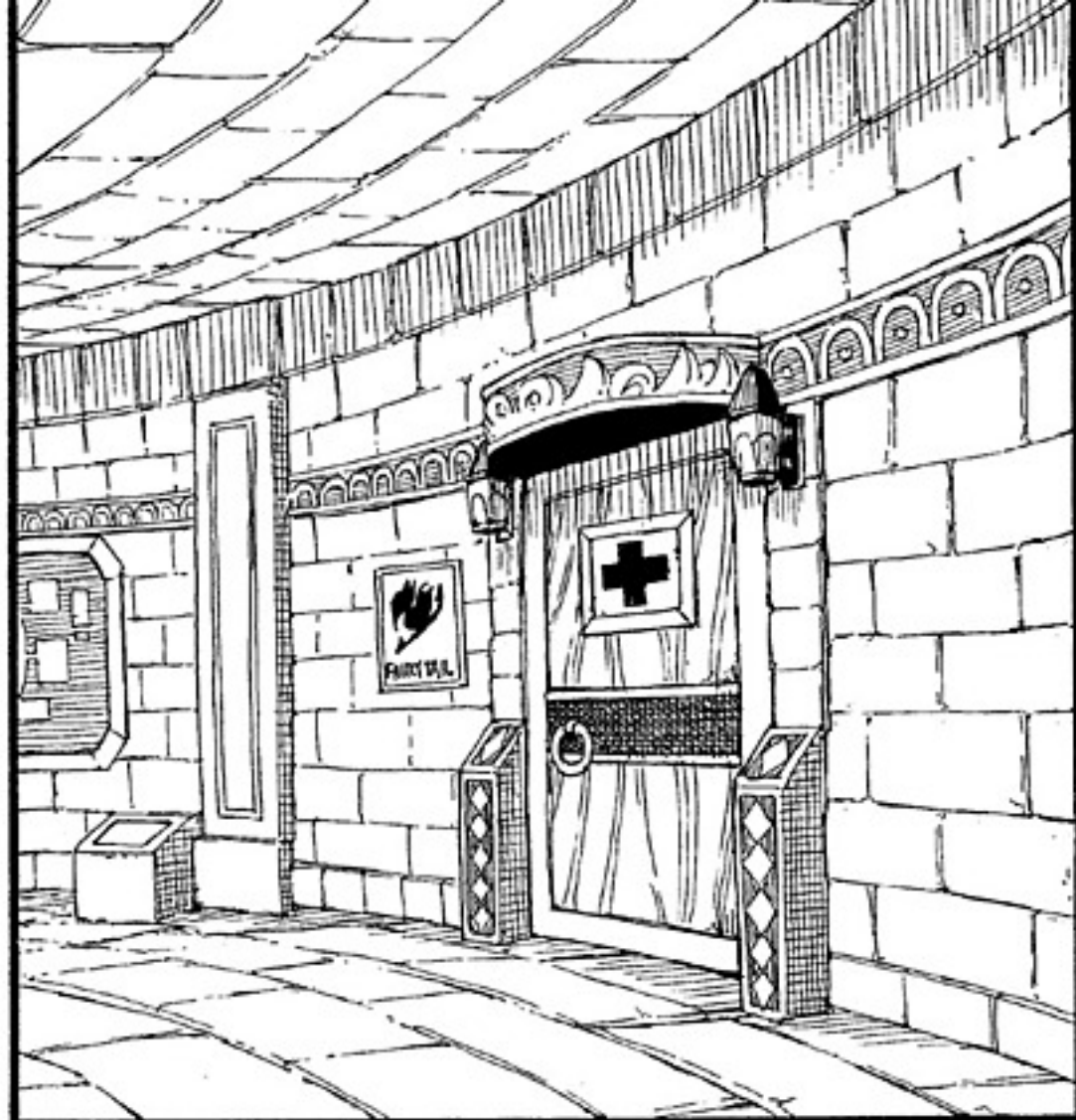


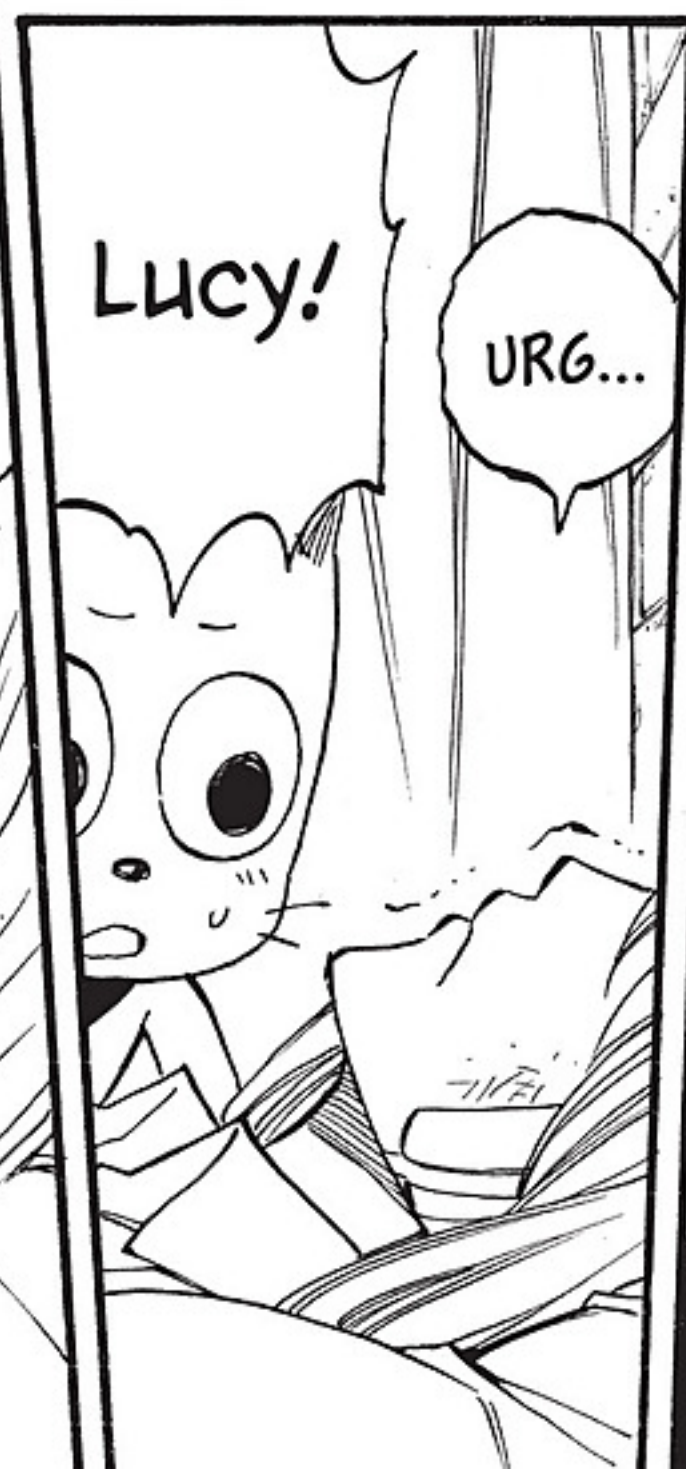
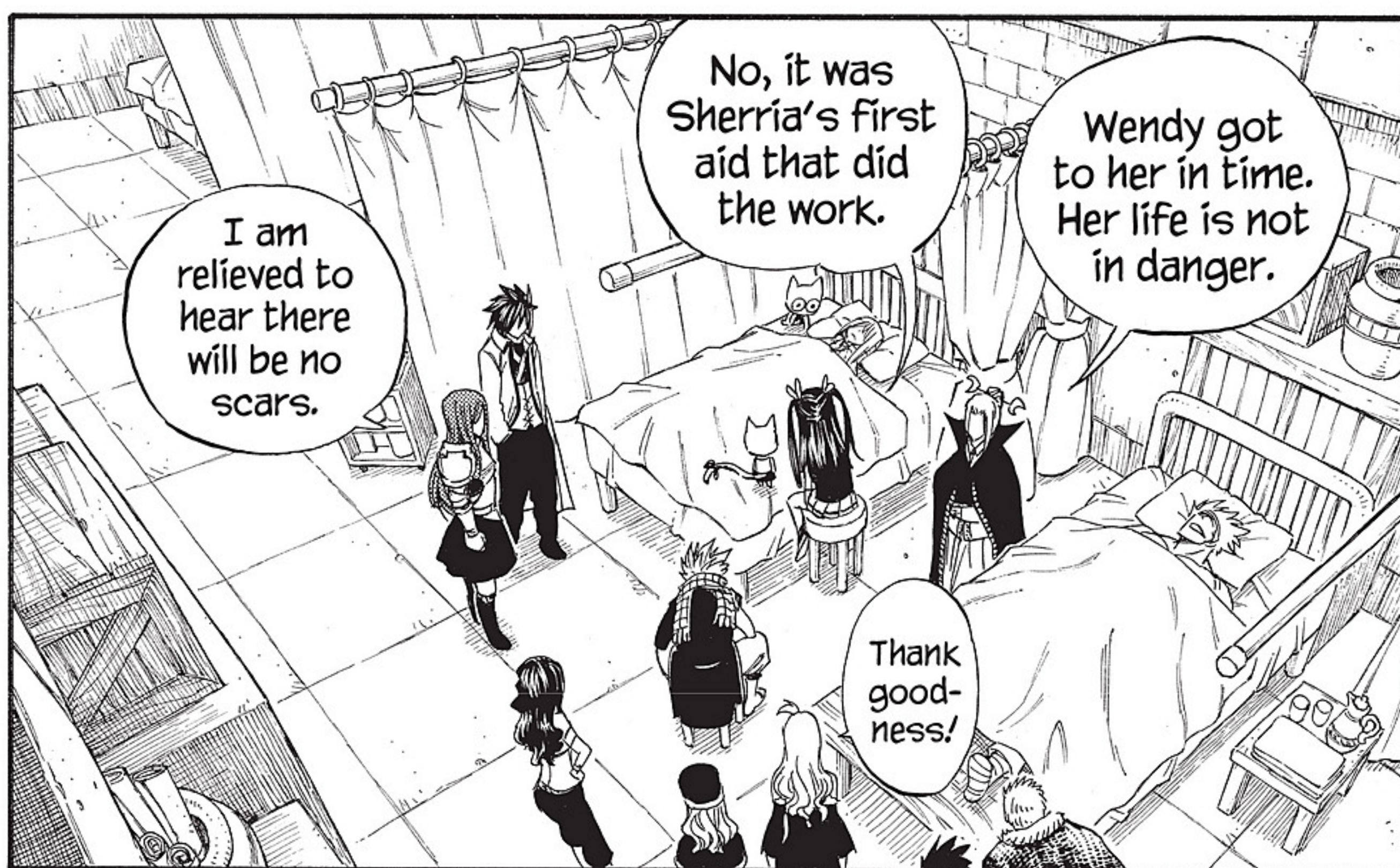
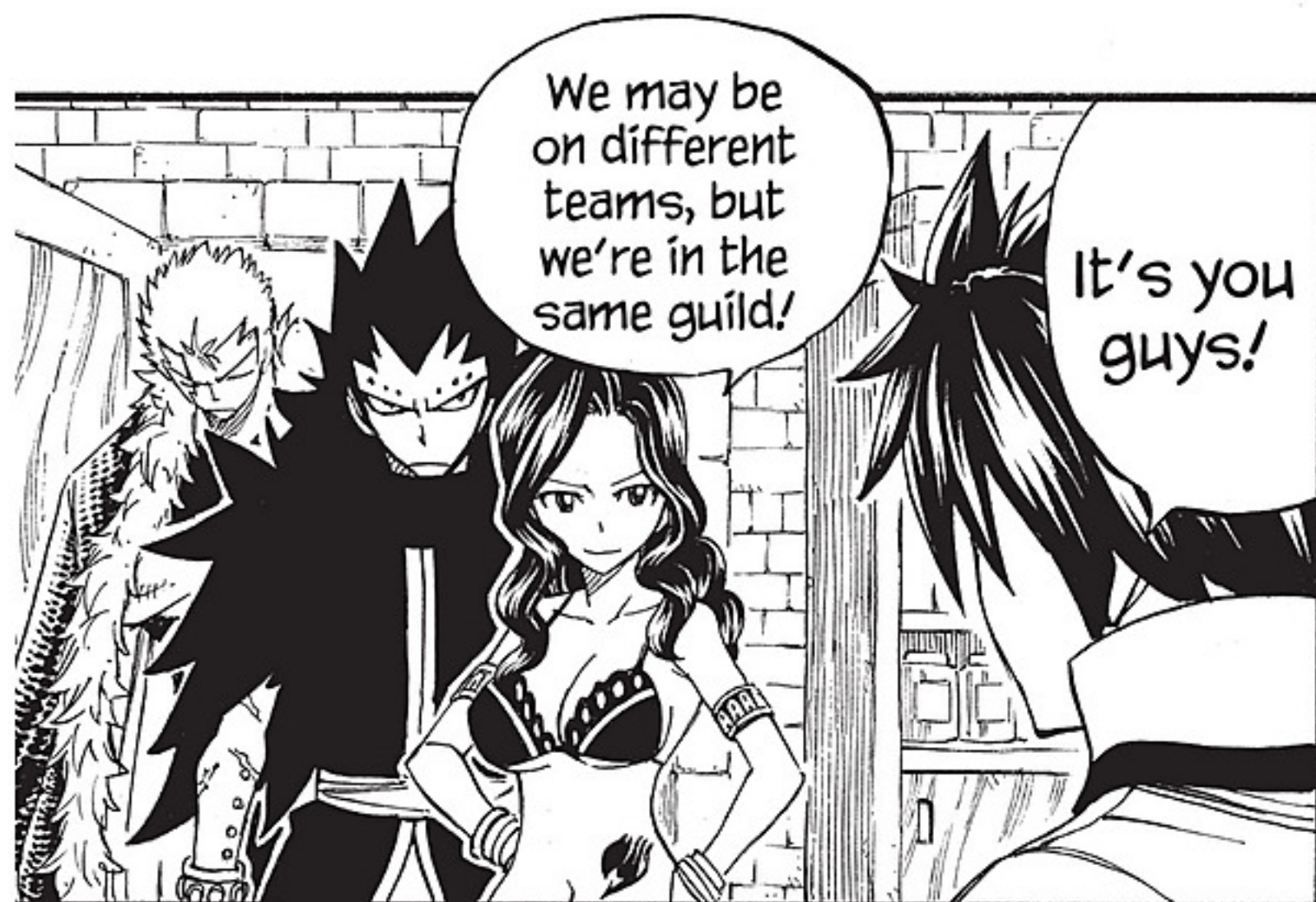
However,
I will say
this one
thing.

You may
be the
"strongest,"
or "Fiore's
best." I
neither
know nor
care.



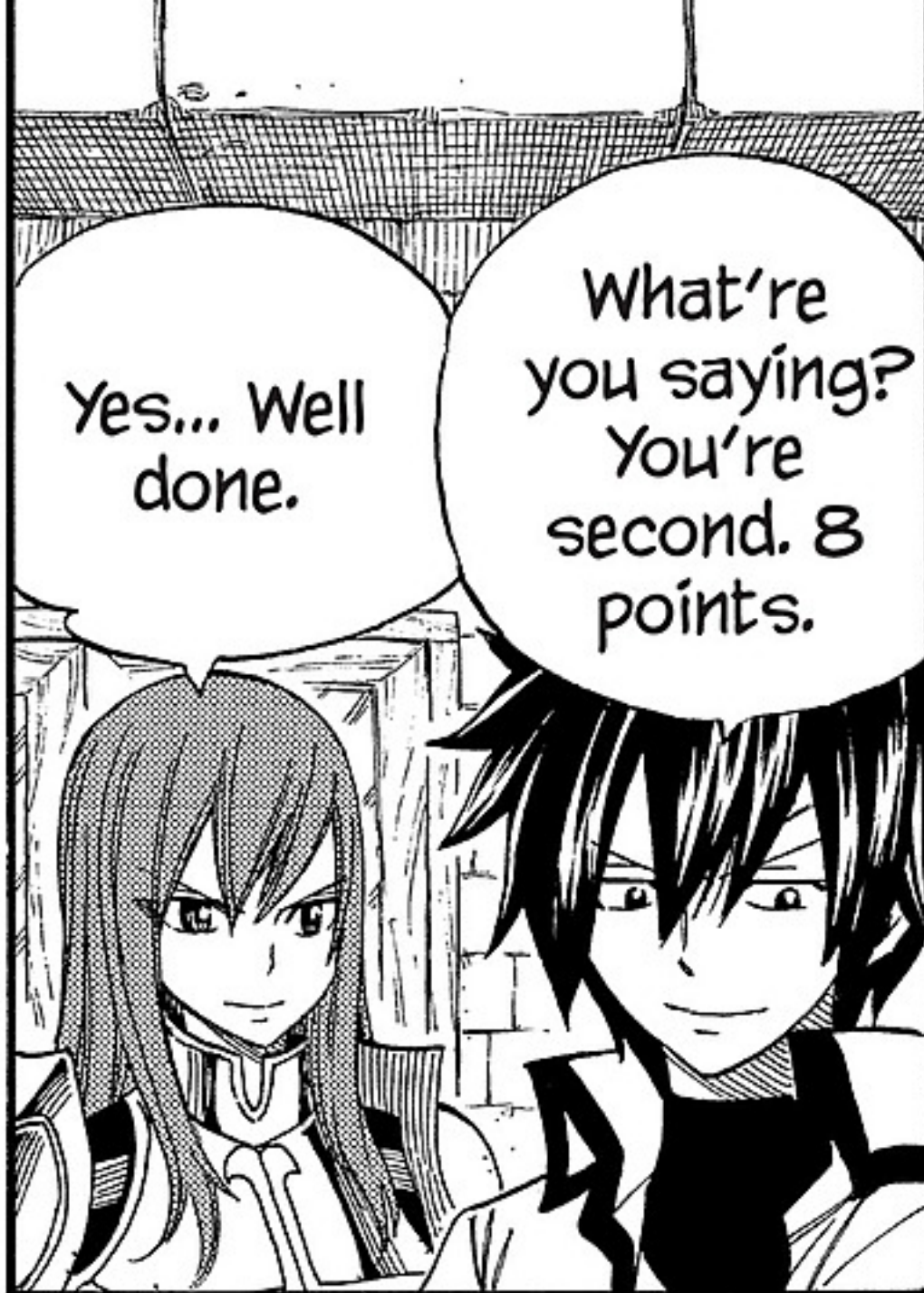
**You have
taken the single
guild you mustn't
anger... and
made it your
enemy!**







My...
keys...



Yes... Well
done.

What're
you saying?
You're
second. 8
points.



I got...
beat...
again.



HUG

CRASH



They're
right
here!

CRASH

Thank
you... Good
 ...



I
don't
like
'em!



Saber
Tooth...



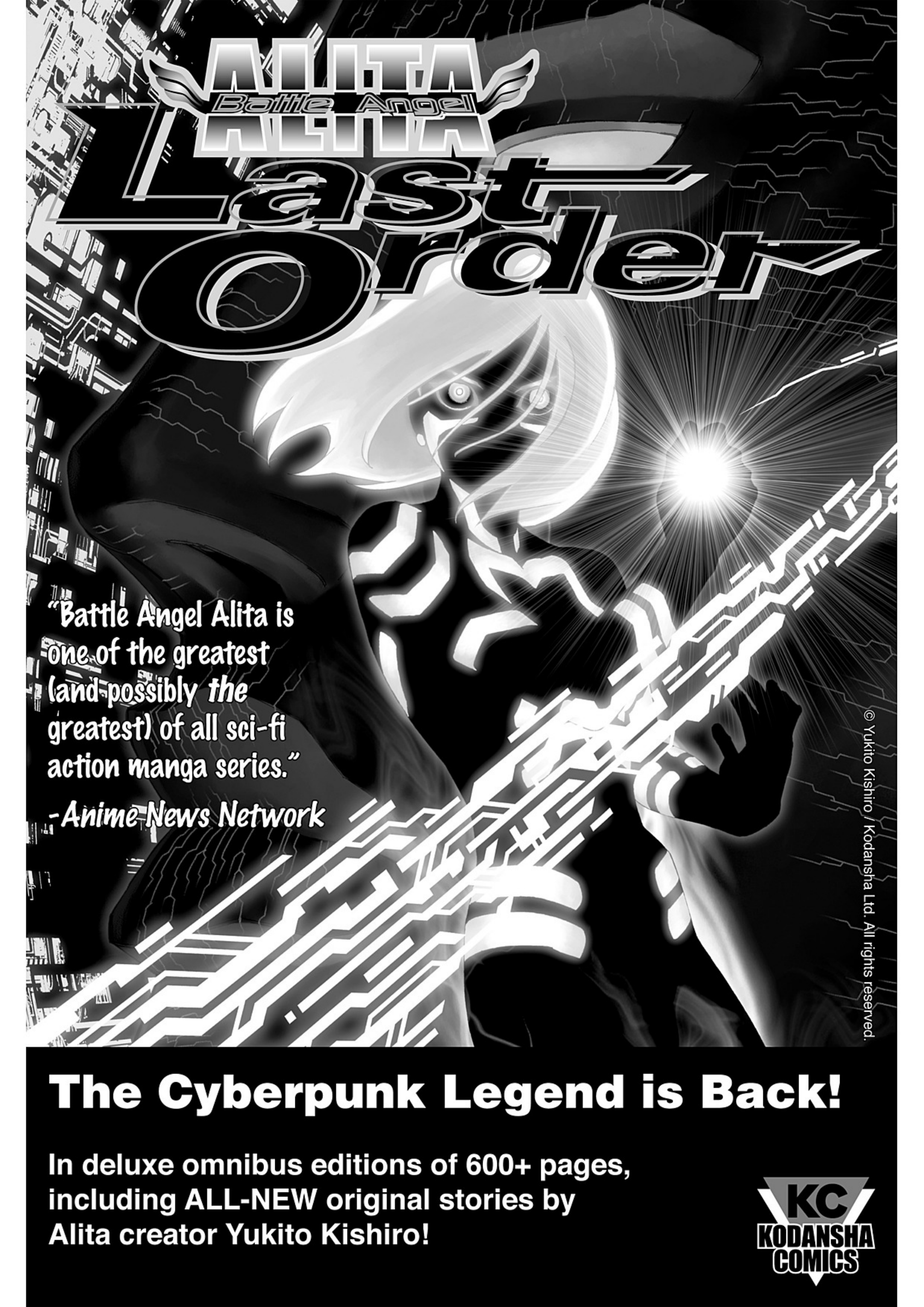
Those guys
really
get on my
nerves!

It looks
like she
went back
to sleep.



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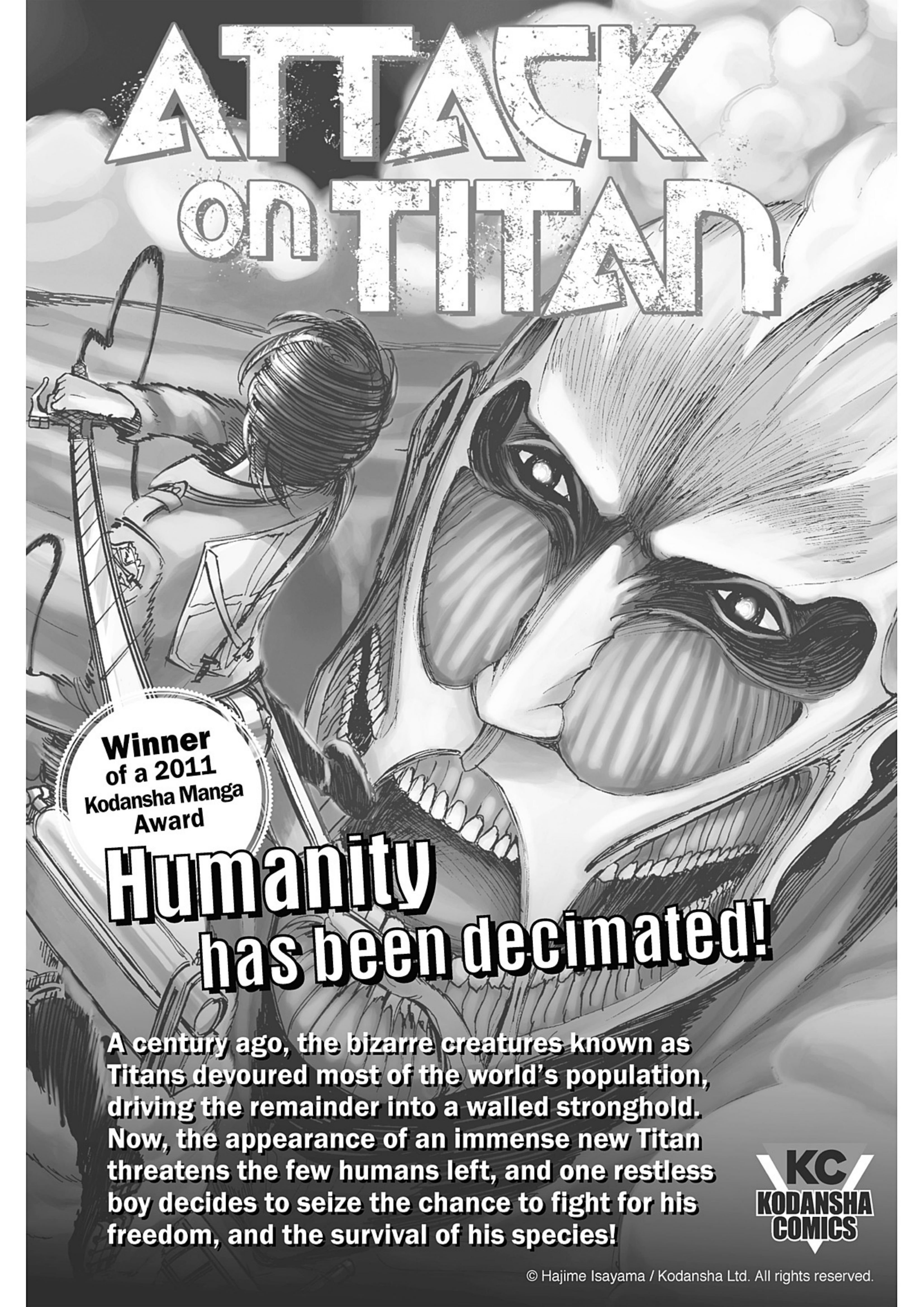
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